

**ORDINANCE 2026 –**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF MT. JULIET CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 28 TO ADOPT STATE TRAFFIC OFFENSES & RULES OF THE ROAD AND TO REPEAL SECTION 28-66 REGARDING RECKLESS / CARELESS DRIVING**

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee General Assembly amended the laws pertaining to adoption of state laws by municipalities by reference, by changing the statute under which such adoption is made and by further specifying that only Class C misdemeanors may be adopted by municipalities and enforced as municipal ordinance violations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners desires to adopt by reference state traffic offenses and Rules of the Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners also desires to repeal the City ordinance violation of careless driving found in Chapter 28, Article III, Section 28-66 of the Code of Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 28, Articles I and III of the Code of Ordinances are desired to be amended as follows:

<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Article</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Section Title</b>	<b>Action</b>
28	I	28-1	Adoption of state traffic statutes	Added
28	III	28-66	Reckless driving; careless or negligent driving	Repealed

; and

**WHEREAS**, the specific amendments desired to be made to Chapter 28, Articles I and III of the Code of Ordinances are shown in redline form in the attached Exhibit A.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee as follows:

**Section 1.** The Code of Ordinances, Chapter 28, Article I, is hereby amended by adding a new Section 28-1, titled “Adoption of state traffic statutes”, to read in its entirety as follows:

By the authority granted under Tennessee Code Annotated § 16-18-302, the City of Mt. Juliet hereby adopts by reference, as if fully set forth herein, together with all amendments thereto now existing or hereafter enacted, as municipal traffic offenses:

The following Tennessee “Rules of the Road:”

- T.C.A. § 55-8-101 Definitions
- T.C.A. § 55-8-102 Applicability of law
- T.C.A. § 55-8-103 Crimes and offenses
- T.C.A. § 55-8-104 Obedience to police officers

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- T.C.A. § 55-8-105 Riding animals or driving animal-drawn vehicles
- T.C.A. § 55-8-106 Public officers and employees - exceptions
- T.C.A. § 55-8-107 Persons working on highways - exceptions
- T.C.A. § 55-8-108 Authorized Emergency vehicles
- T.C.A. § 55-8-109 Obedience to traffic control devices
- T.C.A. § 55-8-110 Traffic-control signals
- T.C.A. § 55-8-111 Pedestrian-control signals
- T.C.A. § 55-8-112 Flashing signals
- T.C.A. § 55-8-113 Unauthorized traffic control devices
- T.C.A. § 55-8-114 Interference with traffic control devices
- T.C.A. § 55-8-115 Driving on right side of roadway
- T.C.A. § 55-8-116 Vehicles proceeding in opposite directions
- T.C.A. § 55-8-117 Overtaking and passing
- T.C.A. § 55-8-118 Overtaking and passing on right
- T.C.A. § 55-8-119 Overtaking and passing on the left
- T.C.A. § 55-8-120 Driving on left side of roadway
- T.C.A. § 55-8-121 No passing zones
- T.C.A. § 55-8-122 One-way traffic; rotary traffic islands
- T.C.A. § 55-8-123 Traffic lanes
- T.C.A. § 55-8-124 Following too closely
- T.C.A. § 55-8-125 Divided highways
- T.C.A. § 55-8-126 Controlled access roadways; entrances and exits
- T.C.A. § 55-8-127 Controlled access roadway; restrictions
- T.C.A. § 55-8-128 Intersections; right of way
- T.C.A. § 55-8-129 Left turns; right of way
- T.C.A. § 55-8-130 Through highways; right of way;
- T.C.A. § 55-8-131 Private road/driveway; right of way
  
- T.C.A. § 55-8-133 Pedestrians; traffic control signals
- T.C.A. § 55-8-134 Pedestrians; crosswalks
- T.C.A. § 55-8-135 Pedestrians; crossing at other than crosswalk
- T.C.A. § 55-8-136 Due care
- T.C.A. § 55-8-137 Pedestrians; right half of crosswalks
- T.C.A. § 55-8-138 Pedestrians; using roadways
- T.C.A. § 55-8-139 Pedestrians; soliciting/standing on roadways
- T.C.A. § 55-8-140 Turning; intersection
- T.C.A. § 55-8-141 Turning; curves, crest of grades
- T.C.A. § 55-8-142 Turning; signal for stop/decreased speed
- T.C.A. § 55-8-143 Turn signals
- T.C.A. § 55-8-144 Signal by hand/arm or signal device
- T.C.A. § 55-8-145 Railroad crossings
- T.C.A. § 55-8-146 Railroad crossings; stop signs
  
- T.C.A. § 55-8-148 Railroad crossings; heavy equipment
- T.C.A. § 55-8-149 Stop signs
- T.C.A. § 55-8-150 Alleys, driveways or buildings; right of way

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- T.C.A. § 55-8-151 School buses
- T.C.A. § 55-8-152 Speed limits
- T.C.A. § 55-8-153 Lower speed zones
- T.C.A. § 55-8-154 Minimum speed limits
- T.C.A. § 55-8-155 Speed limits; motor scooter
- T.C.A. § 55-8-156 Special Speed limits
- T.C.A. § 55-8-157 Charging violations
- T.C.A. § 55-8-158 Stopping/parking on roadway
- T.C.A. § 55-8-159 Stopping/parking on roadway; removal
  
- T.C.A. § 55-8-161 Parking
  
- T.C.A. § 55-8-163 Backing
- T.C.A. § 55-8-164 Motorcycles
- T.C.A. § 55-8-165 Drivers view and control
- T.C.A. § 55-8-166 Mountain highways
- T.C.A. § 55-8-167 Coasting
- T.C.A. § 55-8-168 Following fire apparatus
- T.C.A. § 55-8-169 Fire hoses
- T.C.A. § 55-8-170 Destructive or injurious materials
- T.C.A. § 55-8-171 Bicycles
- T.C.A. § 55-8-172 Bicycles; traffic laws apply
- T.C.A. § 55-8-173 Bicycles; playing on highways
- T.C.A. § 55-8-174 Bicycles; attachment to vehicles
- T.C.A. § 55-8-175 Bicycles; riding on roadways
- T.C.A. § 55-8-176 Bicycles; Carrying packages/articles
- T.C.A. § 55-8-177 Bicycles; Lamps, reflectors, brakes
- T.C.A. § 55-8-178 Nonmotor vehicles; animals
- T.C.A. § 55-8-179 Blind/deaf persons; cane/leash
- T.C.A. § 55-8-180 Blind/deaf persons; right of way
- T.C.A. § 55-8-181 Motorcycles; rights and duties
- T.C.A. § 55-8-182 Motorcycles; lanes
- T.C.A. § 55-8-183 Funerals
- T.C.A. § 55-8-184 Traffic control devices; indication of ownership
- T.C.A. § 55-8-185 Off-highway motor vehicles
- T.C.A. § 55-8-186 Illegal parking; rented/leased vehicles
- T.C.A. § 55-8-187 Obscene/offensive bumper stickers/window signs/other
- T.C.A. § 55-8-188 High occupancy vehicle lanes
- T.C.A. § 55-8-189 Transporting children in truck beds
- T.C.A. § 55-8-190 Street sweeper
- T.C.A. § 55-8-191 Low-speed vehicles
  
- T.C.A. § 55-8-193 Excessive noise from motor vehicles
  
- T.C.A. § 55-8-195 Designated lanes for truck tractors and semitrailers

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T.C.A. § 55-8-199 Hands-Free law

T.C.A. § 55-8-203 Off-highway vehicles

T.C.A. § 55-8-204 Passing lane

T.C.A. § 55-8-205 Bicycle lane

T.C.A. § 55-8-212 Camping

T.C.A. § 55-8-301 Definition

T.C.A. § 55-8-302 Electric bicycle; requirements

T.C.A. § 55-8-304 Electric bicycle; modification

T.C.A. § 55-8-305 Electric bicycle; equipment requirements

T.C.A. § 55-8-306 Electric bicycle; operation on streets

T.C.A. § 55-8-307 Electric bicycle; helmet, age

The following offenses related to registration and licensing of motor vehicles:

T.C.A. § 55-4-101 Registration required

T.C.A. § 55-4-103 Registration plates; form/contents

T.C.A. § 55-4-104 Registration plates; expiration

T.C.A. § 55-4-105 Registration plates; renewal

T.C.A. § 55-4-107 Registration; lost, mutilated or illegible

T.C.A. § 55-4-108 Registration; carrying/display

T.C.A. § 55-4-110 Registration plates; display/attachment

T.C.A. § 55-4-111 Registration; taxes/fees

T.C.A. § 55-4-113 Registration; freight taxes

T.C.A. § 55-4-114 Maximum gross weight/ownership; display

T.C.A. § 55-4-115 Temporary operation permits; trip permits; temporary trailer permit

T.C.A. § 55-4-120 Nonresidents

T.C.A. § 55-4-121 Nonresidents; reciprocal agreements

T.C.A. § 55-4-131 Notice of address change

The following offenses related to equipment:

T.C.A. § 55-9-401 Lighting; vehicles other than motor vehicles

T.C.A. § 55-9-402 Lighting; motor vehicles

T.C.A. § 55-9-403 Lighting; motorcycles

T.C.A. § 55-9-404 Lighting; train of vehicles

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T.C.A. § 55-9-405 Lighting/flag; vehicles wider than 80”, tractors, trailers  
T.C.A. § 55-9-406 Lighting; headlights  
T.C.A. § 55-9-407 Lighting; high and low beams  
T.C.A. § 55-9-408 Anti-glare devices

T.C.A. § 55-9-414 Blue flashing emergency lights

T.C.A. § 55-9-601 Safety belts; required/specifications  
T.C.A. § 55-9-602 Safety belts; child passenger  
T.C.A. § 55-9-603 Safety belts; use

The following offense related to the Financial Responsibility Law:

T.C.A. § 55-12-139 Compliance with financial responsibility

The following offenses related to the Commercial Driver License Act:

T.C.A. § 55-50-333 Change of address/name  
T.C.A. § 55-50-351 Possession; display upon demand

**Section 2.** The Code of Ordinances, Chapter 28, Article III, Section 28-66, “Reckless driving; careless or negligent driving,” is repealed and removed in its entirety.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**

In case of conflict between this ordinance or any part hereof, and the whole part of any existing ordinance of the City, the conflicting ordinance is repealed to the extent of the conflict but no further.

If any section, clause, or provision or portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other section, clause, or provision or portion of this ordinance.

This ordinance shall take effect on April \_\_\_\_, 2026 to allow time for the City to update programs/software, citations, etc.

PASSED:

FIRST READING: March 9, 2026

SECOND READING:

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James Maness, Mayor

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Kenny Martin, City Manager

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ATTEST:

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Jennifer Hamblen, CMC, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Samantha A. Burnett, City Attorney