

**ORDINANCE 2024-43**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MT. JULIET, TENNESSEE, SECTION 28-22, TO ADD THE FIRE CHIEF AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet recognizes the vital role of the Fire Department in ensuring the safety and well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, effective traffic management is crucial for the timely response of emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief possesses specialized knowledge regarding the impact of traffic conditions on emergency response times; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the Fire Chief as a voting member of the Traffic Commission would provide valuable insights into the needs of emergency services; and

WHEREAS, traffic calming measures can have significant effects on the operations of emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet has experienced growth, leading to increased traffic and the need for enhanced traffic management strategies; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the rapid response of emergency vehicles is critical for saving lives and protecting property; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department often encounters challenges related to traffic congestion and road design; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief can offer expert advice on the potential impacts of proposed traffic changes on emergency response; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet is committed to improving public safety and emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, collaboration between the Fire Department and the Traffic Commission can lead to more effective and balanced traffic solutions; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's participation in the Traffic Commission aligns with best practices for integrated public safety planning; and

WHEREAS, the experience and perspective of the Fire Chief can enhance the decision-making process of the Traffic Commission; and

WHEREAS, other municipalities have successfully included emergency service representatives in their traffic planning bodies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet values the input of all stakeholders in traffic management discussions; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's involvement can help identify potential hazards related to traffic and propose appropriate mitigations; and

WHEREAS, emergency vehicle access must be considered in all traffic planning and infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department responds to a wide variety of emergencies that require prompt arrival at the scene; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief can provide data and statistics on emergency response times affected by traffic conditions; and

WHEREAS, traffic incidents can impede the movement of emergency vehicles, necessitating coordinated planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the Fire Chief can improve communication and coordination between the Fire Department and other city departments; and

WHEREAS, effective traffic management contributes to overall community resilience in the face of emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet aims to maintain and improve the quality of life for its residents through effective public safety measures; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's knowledge of fire safety regulations can inform traffic planning decisions; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance of integrating emergency response considerations into traffic engineering; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's input can help ensure that traffic calming measures do not unduly hinder emergency vehicle access; and

WHEREAS, the participation of the Fire Chief can foster a more comprehensive approach to traffic management; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Commission benefits from diverse perspectives, including those of public safety officials; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet seeks to continuously improve its emergency response capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's involvement can aid in identifying and addressing traffic-related risks to public safety; and

WHEREAS, efficient traffic flow is essential for the delivery of emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief can provide practical recommendations based on real-world emergency response experiences; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet values proactive measures to enhance public safety; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the Fire Chief supports the City's commitment to comprehensive public safety planning; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's expertise can contribute to the development of more effective traffic policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Commission plays a key role in shaping the city's transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief can help ensure that traffic planning aligns with the needs of emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet is dedicated to creating a safe and efficient transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's participation can help balance the needs of emergency services with those of other road users; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department's mission includes protecting life and property, which is influenced by traffic conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief can provide insights into the potential impacts of new developments on emergency response; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet aims to enhance collaboration among its various departments and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's involvement can lead to more informed and effective traffic management decisions; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the Fire Chief supports the City's goal of integrating public safety considerations into all aspects of urban planning; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief can help identify traffic management solutions that support both safety and mobility; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet is committed to reducing traffic-related delays for emergency vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's expertise can help address issues related to traffic signal timing and emergency vehicle preemption; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department's experience with emergency evacuations can inform traffic management strategies; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the Fire Chief promotes a holistic approach to traffic safety; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet recognizes the interdependence of traffic management and emergency response; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's participation can enhance the effectiveness of the Traffic Commission's recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the Fire Chief aligns with the City's strategic goals for public safety and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's knowledge of fire apparatus requirements can inform street design standards; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet seeks to ensure that all traffic-related decisions consider the needs of emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief can provide valuable input on the design and placement of traffic calming devices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet aims to create a safer environment for all residents through improved traffic management; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's involvement can help prevent traffic-related obstructions to emergency vehicle access; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief can assist in evaluating the potential impacts of traffic plans on emergency response routes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet is committed to enhancing its emergency response capabilities through improved infrastructure planning; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the Fire Chief supports the City's efforts to foster interdepartmental collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's expertise can help ensure that traffic policies do not compromise public safety; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet values the insights of its public safety officials in all aspects of city planning; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief can help address traffic issues that affect the delivery of critical emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the Fire Chief on the Traffic Commission can lead to more balanced and effective traffic management solutions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet recognizes the importance of integrating emergency service considerations into all transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's participation can enhance the safety and efficiency of the city's transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the Fire Chief supports the City's commitment to public safety and emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's knowledge of fire department operations can inform traffic management strategies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet seeks to improve coordination between the Traffic Commission and the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the Fire Chief can help identify and address traffic issues that impact emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's participation supports the City's goal of creating a safe and efficient transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet is committed to enhancing the effectiveness of its Traffic Commission through the inclusion of key stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's expertise can contribute to the development of traffic policies that support emergency response; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet aims to ensure that its traffic management strategies align with public safety objectives; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the Fire Chief on the Traffic Commission reflects the City's dedication to comprehensive and integrated planning; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's participation can help prevent traffic-related delays for emergency vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet values the input of its public safety officials in traffic management decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief can provide insights into the potential impacts of traffic calming measures on emergency response; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the Fire Chief supports the City's efforts to enhance public safety and emergency response; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's expertise can help ensure that traffic plans do not hinder emergency vehicle access; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet seeks to improve the safety and efficiency of its transportation network through enhanced collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's participation can help identify and address traffic-related risks to public safety; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the Fire Chief on the Traffic Commission aligns with best practices for integrated public safety planning; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet is dedicated to creating a safe and efficient transportation system for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's expertise can contribute to the development of effective traffic management strategies; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the Fire Chief supports the City's commitment to public safety and emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's participation can enhance the effectiveness of the Traffic Commission's recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the Fire Chief on the Traffic Commission reflects the City's dedication to comprehensive and integrated planning; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's expertise can help ensure that traffic policies do not compromise public safety; and

Now, therefore, be it ORDAINED by the City of Mt Juliet Board of Commissioners the City of Mt. Juliet:

SECTION 1. That Section 28-22 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, is hereby amended to include the Fire Chief as a voting member of the Traffic Commission.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law, the public welfare requiring it.

**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.

PASSED: 9/23/24

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James Maness, Mayor

FIRST READING: 8/12/24

SECOND READING: 9/23/24

ATTEST:

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Sheila S. Lockett, CMC  
City Recorder

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