

Sponsor: Ondera/Newhirk

ORDINANCE NO. 13-23

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 131.09 REGARDING RIDING IN POLICE CARS.**

WHEREAS, the legislative authority of the City of Jackson has published certain general and permanent ordinances in a volume of Codified Ordinances including section 131.09; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the requirements for those permitted to ride as passengers in police vehicles require revisions; and

WHEREAS, the legislative authority of the City of Jackson has determined it necessary to amend section 131.09 of the Codified Ordinances regarding to passengers in police vehicles as follows:

**131.09 RIDING IN POLICE CARS.**

- (a) It shall be the policy of the City that no unauthorized person shall ride as a passenger in a police cruiser used on police duty. The only persons authorized to ride as passengers in police cruisers are those persons designated by the Mayor, Service-Safety Director, or Police Chief—as follows: ~~(1) City employees in the Police Department, including Police Chief, Captain, Sergeants, patrolmen, dispatchers and meter maid.~~  
~~(2) Elected officials of the City including Mayor, President of Council and members of Council.~~  
~~(3) Service Safety Director and other department heads.~~  
~~(4) Law Director or City Prosecutor.~~  
~~(5) Members of the auxiliary police force.~~  
~~(6) Any other person specifically designated in writing by the Mayor, Service Director or Police Chief.~~

This policy shall not restrict a police officer on duty from using a police cruiser to transport persons in custody or injured persons, or close relatives of such persons. However, an on-duty police officer may use reasonable discretion to permit a person to be a passenger in a police vehicle as needed to protect from exposure to the weather or in other situations that might potentially cause harm to that individual or others, or as otherwise required to in the normal course of the officers duties.

(b) Any police officer who permits an unauthorized person to ride as a passenger in a police cruiser used on police duty shall be subject to disciplinary action.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO THAT SECTION 131.09 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON BE REPEALED AND AMENDED REGARDING RIDING IN POLICE**

**CARS, AS SET FORTH HEREIN, WITH THE STRUCK THROUGH PORTIONS BEING REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE UNDERLINED LANGUAGE SHOWING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE AND THAT IT BE REPLACED WITHIN THE JACKSON CITY CODE, IN REGULAR TEXT.**

It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and the deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Legislative Authority of the Political Subdivision on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

  
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President of Council

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk of the Legislative Authority

Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

  
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Mayor