

ORDINANCE NO. 14-\_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 112 (FUNERAL PROCESSIONS AND ESCORT OFFICERS) OF ARTICLE 23 (MISCELLANEOUS RULES OF THE ROAD) OF CHAPTER 10 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS 2001, AS AMENDED, PERTAINING TO FUNERAL ESCORTS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. Section 112 (Funeral Processions and Escort Officers) of Article 23 (Miscellaneous Rules of the Road) of Chapter 10 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

10.23.112: FUNERAL PROCESSIONS AND ESCORT OFFICERS

A. ~~Powers And Authority: The Chief of Police is authorized to appoint, subject to the limitations of chapter 8 of this Code, funeral escort officers. The officers are empowered to escort funeral processions from funeral homes or residences to churches and cemeteries in the City of Colorado Springs. For the purposes of the escort services, funeral escort officers are empowered with special police status in order to redirect traffic at intersections during escorts.~~ **Powers And Authority of Funeral Escort Officers: Funeral escort officers are empowered to escort funeral processions from funeral homes, mortuaries, residences or other places where the last services are held, to the place of interment, and to redirect traffic at intersections during escorts in the City of Colorado Springs.**

B. Escort Vehicles: Each funeral procession shall be accompanied by escorts, and the escorts shall be considered emergency vehicles within the meaning of this chapter, subject however to the provisions under State law as to qualification of emergency vehicles. The number of escort vehicles accompanying any procession shall be not less than three (3). ~~The Chief of Police may require that more than three (3) escort vehicles accompany any procession based upon considerations including the size of the procession, traffic conditions along the procession route and other safety factors.~~

C. **Use of Flashing Lights Required: All funeral escort vehicles shall display flashing lights while in a funeral procession.**

D. **Notification Required: A minimum of two hours prior to conducting a funeral escort in the City of Colorado Springs, a Funeral Escort Agency shall notify the Colorado Springs Police Department Communications Center via facsimile of any funeral**

procession escorts. The notification shall include: the time and date of the funeral escort, the beginning location, the destination, the approximate number of vehicles being escorted and the proposed route if known at the time of notification.

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Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final adoption and publication as provided by charter.

Section 3. Council deems it appropriate that this ordinance be published by title and summary prepared by the City Clerk and that this ordinance be available for inspection and acquisition in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced, read, passed on first reading and ordered published this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

Finally passed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Keith King, Council President

Delivered to Mayor on \_\_\_\_\_.

**Mayor's Action:**

- Approved on \_\_\_\_\_.
- Disapproved on \_\_\_\_\_, based on the following objections:

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Steve Bach, Mayor

**Council Action After Disapproval:**

- Council did not act to override the Mayor's veto.
- Finally adopted on a vote of \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_.
- Council action on \_\_\_\_\_ failed to override the Mayor's veto.

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Keith King, Council President

ATTEST:

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Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk