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ORDINANCE NO. 1743

(An ordinance requiring all new or modified traffic signals within the City of Hood River to be equipped with emergency vehicle pre-emption equipment)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hood River has determined that in order to provide safe and efficient emergency services to the public, emergency vehicle pre-emption equipment ("pre-emption equipment") is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the City to have pre-emption equipment in the event of an emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOOD RIVER ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

1. All new or modified traffic signals within the City shall be equipped with pre-emption equipment.
2. Pre-emption equipment installed on traffic signals shall be state of the art and shall be compatible with pre-emption equipment on City vehicles. Pre-emption equipment on traffic signals shall be installed in sufficient quantities to provide emergency vehicle pre-emption of a traffic signal from all directions and so that each direction of traffic will move independently, allowing for protected left turn movements.
3. To the extent reasonably practical and economically feasible, the City shall equip City emergency vehicles and transit vehicles with a minimum of 18 passenger capacity with pre-emption equipment.
4. Electronically gated residential communities or complexes consisting of more than five residence or more than five residential units, and other electronically gated facilities, such as golf course and storage centers, shall install pre-emption equipment within 180 days of the effective date of this ordinance, or within 90 days of the City's installation of pre-emption equipment, whichever comes first.
5. No unauthorized person shall use pre-emption equipment. Violation of this ordinance shall be subject to Chapter 1.12 of the Hood River Municipal Code.
6. Invalidity of a section or part of a section of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or parts of sections.

Read for the first time: October 27, 1997.

Read for the second time by unanimous consent of the City Council and passed:
October 27, 1997, to become effective thirty (30) days hence.



Paul G. Cummings, Mayor

ATTEST:



Anita R. Smith, City Recorder