

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-6

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HAMILTON PROHIBITING THE USE OF WIRELESS HANDSETS WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE IN PRESCRIBED SCHOOL ZONES DURING THE HOURS OF 7:00 AM TO 900 AM, AND 200 PM THROUGH 400 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMILTON, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Driving While Talking Law"

Section 2. The City Council finds that: the use of mobile phones also known as "cellular phones" has increased in popularity during the last several years; that the use of these phones while operating a motor vehicle has become more prevalent and presents a hazard on the roadway, especially in the presence of minor pedestrians.

Section 3. This Ordinance would ban motorists from using wireless handsets while operating a motor vehicle on the public streets during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, during normal school hours.

Section 4. No person shall use a wireless handset while operating a motor vehicle on the public streets during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, during normal school hours.

Section 5. A violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall constitute an offense and be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$50.00 for each single offense. Each such violation shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

Section 6. This ordinance hereby adopted shall take effect and be in force beginning on September 1, 2010.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this ____ day of August, 2010.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK