CITY OF MOORE
ORDINANCE 1072.25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOORE, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING PART 15, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 15-516 OF THE MOORE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY ADDING A PROVISION PROHIBITING THE HOLDING OR USE OF HAND-HELD CELLULAR TELEPHONES IN SCHOOL AND CONSTRUCTION ZONES.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Moore, in the State of Oklahoma, as follows:

SECTION 1: **AMENDMENT** "Sec 15-516 Inattention To Driving; Texting While Driving" of the Moore Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

AMENDMENT

Sec 15-516 Inattention To Driving; Texting While Driving

A. Every driver shall remain alert and give full attention to the safe control and operation of his vehicle while it is in motion. Any driver who engages in any activity or does any act while driving that interferes with the safe operation and control of his vehicle is guilty of inattention to driving. A driver of a motor vehicle who collides with another vehicle or with any person or property because of inattention is guilty of careless driving.
B. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle on any street or highway within the city while using a hand-held electronic communication device to manually compose, send or read an electronic text message while the motor vehicle is in motion.
C. Where any portion of a road, street, or highway is a properly marked school zone, as indicated with appropriate warning signs placed in accordance with the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, and a reduced speed limit is properly posted that is in effect during certain times due to the presence or potential presence of school children, or in a road construction zone, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle on any such street or highway within this municipality while holding or using a hand-held cellular telephone.
D. Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (A) of this section shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than $100.00 or the maximum designated by state law.
E. The provisions of subsection (B) and (C) of this section shall not apply if the person is using a cellular or electronic device for the sole purpose of communicating with any of the following regarding an imminent emergency situation:
    1. An emergency responder;

2. A hospital, physician's office or health clinic;
3. A provider of ambulance services;
4. A provider of firefighting services; or
5. A law enforcement agency.

F. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Cellular telephone means an analog or digital wireless telephone authorized by the Federal Communications Commission to operate in the frequency bandwidth reserved for cellular telephones.

Compose, send or *read*, with respect to a text message, means the manual entry, sending or retrieval of a text message to communicate with any person or device.

Electronic communication device means an electronic device that permits the user to manually transmit a communication of written text by means other than through an oral transfer or wire communication. The term "electronic communication device" does not include a device that is physically or electronically integrated into a motor vehicle or a voice-operated global positioning or navigation system that is affixed to a motor vehicle, or a hands-free device that allows the user to write, send or read a text message without the use of either hand except to activate, deactivate or initiate a feature or function.

Text message includes a text-based message, instant message, electronic message, photo, video, or electronic mail.

State Law reference— Similar provisions, 47 O.S. § 11-901d and 47 O.S. § 11-901e.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF MOORE COUNCIL 11/17/2025.

Presiding Officer

Mark Hamm, Mayor, City of Moore

Attest

CITY OF MOORE CORPORATE SEAL MOORE, OKLAHOMA

Vanessa Kemp, City Clerk, City of Moore

Brian K. Miller, City Attorney,
Approved as to Form, City of Moore