

ORDINANCE NO. 25-

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATION, REPEALING AND RESERVING SECTIONS 2-3-4-326 AND 2-3-4-327, DIVISION 2-3-4, ARTICLE 2-3, CHAPTER 2, LAWTON CITY CODE, 2015, RELATED TO BOARDS, TRUSTS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES, IN ORDER TO DISSOLVE THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA THAT;

Section 1. Division 2-3-4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Division 2-3-4 ~~Traffic Commission~~ Reserved

Section 2. Section 2-3-4-326 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2-3-4-326 ~~Traffic commission established—Membership—Duties.~~ Reserved.

A. ~~There is established a traffic commission to serve without compensation, consisting of a Fort Sill representative and six citizens appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council.~~

B. ~~Of the six citizen members first appointed, two shall be appointed for three years; two shall be appointed for two years; and two shall be appointed for one year. At the expiration of the term of office of each commissioner, his successor in office shall be appointed to serve for a term of three years and until his successor in office has been appointed and qualified. Any vacancy which may occur through death, resignation or otherwise may be filled for the unexpired term in like manner.~~

C. ~~It shall be the duty of the traffic commission to:-~~

1. ~~Coordinate traffic reports;~~

2. ~~Receive complaints having to do with traffic matters; and~~

3. ~~Recommend to the council and to the city traffic engineer, chief of police and other city officials ways and means for improving traffic conditions and the administration and enforcement of traffic regulations. The approval of all or any part of the recommendations of the traffic commission by the council shall have the same force and effect as law.~~

Section 3. Section 2-3-4-327 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2-3-4-327 Emergency and experimental regulations Reserved.

~~The chief of police, by and with the approval of the city traffic engineer, is empowered to make regulations necessary to make effective the provisions of the traffic ordinances of this city and to make and enforce temporary or experimental regulations to cover emergencies or special conditions. No such temporary or experimental regulation shall remain in effect for more than ninety (90) days. The city traffic engineer may test traffic control devices under actual conditions of traffic.~~

Section 4. Severability Clause. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, said portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

Section 5. Emergency. Whereas, it being immediately necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety of the City of Lawton and the inhabitants thereof that the provisions of this ordinance be put into full force and effect, an emergency is hereby declared to exist by reason whereof this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from an dafter its passage, as provided by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Council of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma, this ____ day of March, 2025.

STANLEY BOOKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DONALYNN BLAZEK-SCHERLER, CITY CLERK

APPROVED as to form and legality this ____ day of March, 2025.

TIMOTHY WILSON, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

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Brief Gist

This ordinance will remove the Traffic Commission from Chapter 2 of Lawton City Code.

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