

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_**

An ordinance requiring temporary warning signage for businesses or contractors parking vehicles in public streets while performing work:

WHEREAS, the City of Crossville seeks to ensure the safety of motorists, pedestrians, and workers within the public rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, vehicles parked in the public street for the purpose of providing a service — such as lawn maintenance, construction, delivery, or repair — may create temporary obstructions or hazards to normal traffic flow; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of public safety to require businesses and contractors performing work from vehicles parked in a public street to provide visible warning signage alerting approaching motorists.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE:**

**SECTION I.** That Title 15, Chapter 8, Section 5 of the Crossville Municipal Code be added with the following:

§ 15-805 Work Zone Signage

- (A) The purpose of this ordinance is to promote traffic safety and awareness when business or contractor vehicles are temporarily parked within or adjacent to a public street while actively engaged in work.
- (B) For the purposes of this ordinance:
  - (1) Work vehicle means any motor vehicle, trailer, or piece of equipment used in the course of providing a commercial service, including but not limited to lawn care, construction, delivery, or maintenance.
  - (2) Public street means any street, road, or right-of-way maintained by the City of Crossville and open to public vehicular travel.
  - (3) Temporary warning signage means any sign, cone, or marker placed to alert oncoming traffic to the presence of a work vehicle or active work zone.
- (C) Any business, contractor, or individual performing work that requires parking a work vehicle on or partially in a public street shall be required to:
  - (1) Place a “Work Zone,” “Caution,” “Utility Work Ahead,” or similar warning sign in advance of the parked vehicle in the direction of approaching traffic.
  - (2) Signage must be placed approximately 50 feet in advance of the work vehicle unless site conditions (e.g., curves, narrow right-of-way) make this distance impractical. In such cases, signage shall be placed as far in advance as safely possible.

- (3) Ensure that all warning signage is clearly visible, upright, and removed promptly upon completion of work.

(D) Signage

- (1) Signs shall be no smaller than 24 inches by 24 inches, made of reflective material, and clearly legible from at least 150 feet in daylight.
- (2) During nighttime, fog, or rain, signage must be reflective or illuminated sufficiently to be visible to approaching motorists.
- (3) Cones or markers shall be at least 18 inches tall and include reflective collars.
- (4) All signage must remain upright, unobstructed, and visible for the duration of work.
- (5) Signs and cones shall be promptly removed upon completion of work.

- (E) When work is being performed on both sides of the street or in multiple directions, warning signage shall be provided for each direction of traffic flow.

(F) This ordinance shall not apply to:

- (1) Emergency response vehicles (fire, police, ambulance, utility emergency).
- (2) Municipal or state-owned vehicles performing official duties.
- (3) Short-term stops not exceeding three (3) minutes for deliveries or loading/unloading, provided the vehicle does not obstruct traffic flow or line of sight.

(G) Enforcement

- (1) The Crossville Police Department or designated City personnel shall have authority to enforce this ordinance.
- (2) City personnel may issue citations or warnings upon observation or report of non-compliance.
- (3) The City Manager or designee may issue written guidance on site-specific exceptions for impractical conditions.

(H) Violations and Penalty

- (1) Violations shall constitute a civil offense and be subject to a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$200 per occurrence.
- (2) Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.
- (3) Repeated or willful violations may result in suspension of city work permits, licenses, or right-of-way access.

**SECTION II.** That this ordinance shall take effect from and after its final passage, the public welfare requiring it.