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I. Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

Items on the Consent Agenda are enacted in one motion. If separate discussion is desired, that may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the regular Agenda at the request of a member of the City Council.

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. February 10, 2025 - Work Session
 - 2. February 10, 2025 - Regular Session
- b. Approval of Bills
- c. Correspondence

III. Remarks of Visitors

A request may be made by contacting the City Clerk's office prior to the meeting, and by completing a request form as provided. Requests to speak on agenda items must be submitted to the City Clerk no later than 2:00 PM on the day of the regular session meeting. Requests to speak on non-agenda items must be submitted to the City Clerk no later than 4:00 PM on the Wednesday prior to the regular session meeting. All comments are limited to 5 minutes.

IV. Bids

- a. Salt Budget Increase
- b. West Main Street Phase 2 - Change Order #2

V. Ordinances and Resolutions

Bill No. 4808 – An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri; approving the Preliminary/Improvement Plat for 835 American Legion; and establishing an effective date.

Bill No. 4810 - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri, amending Section 370.160 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Festus, regarding seat belts; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and establishing an effective date.

VI. New Business

- a. 2025 Roadblock Schedule
- b. Move Council Meeting Dates
 - i. Memorial Day - Monday, May 26, 2025, move to Tuesday, May 27, 2025
 - ii. Columbus Day - Monday, October 13, 2025, move to Tuesday, October 14, 2025
- c. Parks & Recreation Board Appointment - Joshua Jones

VII. Old Business

VIII. Mayor and City Council Reports

IX. Adjourn

The following reports are included for information purposes: Administration, Building, City Clerk, Finance, Fire, Library, Parks, Police, Public Works, Recreation and Tourism, and Treasurer.

Recreation & Tourism

Police

Bill No. 4808

Ordinance No. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FESTUS, MISSOURI; APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY/IMPROVEMENT PLAT FOR 835 AMERICAN LEGION; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FESTUS, MISSOURI, as follows:

SECTION I. That the Preliminary/Improvement Plat for 835 American Legion, Festus, Missouri, as described in attached Exhibit "A", as recommended by the Festus Planning and Zoning Commission be and is hereby approved.

SECTION II. This Ordinance shall be and become in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage by the City Council and the approval of the Mayor.

READ TWO TIMES AND PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

President of the City Council

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

Mayor of the City of Festus

ATTEST:

Leah Smith, City Clerk

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FESTUS, MISSOURI, AMENDING SECTION 370.160 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FESTUS, REGARDING SEAT BELTS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, § 77.260, RSMo provides that the City Council of the City of Festus may enact and ordain any and all ordinances not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this state, and such as they shall be deemed expedient for the good government of the City, the preservation of peace and good order, the benefit of trade and commerce, and the health of the inhabitants thereof; and

WHEREAS, § 304.120, RSMo, provides that cities may make additional rules of the road or traffic regulations to meet their needs and traffic conditions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 370.160 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Festus (“Code”), a failure to wear a properly adjusted and fastened seatbelt is presently considered a secondary offense prohibiting a law enforcement officer from stopping, inspecting or detailing an individual for violating said Section without a primary offense; and

WHEREAS, City Staff recommends that Section 370.160 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Festus (“Code”) be amended to make a failure to wear a seatbelt a primary offense within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Festus finds and determines that amending Section 370.160 of the Code would be in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FESTUS, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. Section 370.160 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Festus, Missouri, is hereby amended, to read as follows:

TITLE III. TRAFFIC CODE.

CHAPTER 370. VEHICLE EQUIPMENT.

ARTICLE II. OTHER VEHICLE EQUIPMENT.

SECTION 370.160. SEAT BELTS.

- A. As used in this Section, the term “truck” means a motor vehicle designed, used or maintained for the transportation of property.

- B. As used in this Section, the term “passenger car” means every motor vehicle designed for carrying ten (10) persons or less and used for the transportation of persons; except that the term “passenger car” shall not include motorcycles, motorized bicycles, motortricycles and trucks with a licensed gross weight of twelve thousand (12,000) pounds or more.
- C. Each driver, except persons employed by the United States Postal Service while performing duties for that Federal agency which require the operator to service postal boxes from their vehicles or which require frequent entry into and exit from their vehicles, and front seat passengers of a passenger car manufactured after January 1, 1968, operated on a street or highway in the City, and persons less than eighteen (18) years of age operating or riding in a truck, as defined in Subsection (A) of this Section, on a street or highway of this City shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt that meets Federal National Highway, Transportation and Safety Act requirements. ~~No~~ ~~A~~ person ~~shall~~ ~~may~~ be stopped, inspected or detained solely to determine compliance with this Subsection. The provisions of this Section and Section 370.170 of this Chapter, shall not be applicable to persons who have a medical reason for failing to have a seat belt fastened about their body, nor shall the provisions of this Section be applicable to persons while operating or riding a motor vehicle being used in agricultural work-related activities. Non-compliance with this Subsection shall not constitute probable cause for violation of any other provision of law. The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to the transporting of children under sixteen (16) years of age, as provided in Section 370.170 of this Chapter.
- D. Each driver of a motor vehicle transporting a child less than sixteen (16) years of age shall secure the child in a properly adjusted and fastened restraint under Section 370.170 of this Chapter.
- E. Except as otherwise provided for in Section 370.170 of this Chapter, each person found guilty of violating the provisions of Subsection (B) of this Section is guilty of an infraction for which a fine not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) may be imposed. All other provisions of law and court rules to the contrary notwithstanding, no court costs shall be imposed on any person due to a violation of this Section.
- F. If there are more persons than there are seat belts in the enclosed area of a motor vehicle, then the passengers who are unable to wear seat belts shall sit in the area behind the front seat of the motor vehicle unless the motor vehicle is designed only for a front-seated area. The passenger or passengers occupying a seat location referred to in this Subsection is not in violation of this Section. This Subsection shall not apply to passengers who are accompanying a driver of a motor vehicle who is licensed under Section 302.178, RSMo.

SECTION II. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION III. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage by the City Council and the approval by the Mayor.

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President of the City Council

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

Mayor of the City of Festus

City Clerk