

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORITY OF TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama (the “City”) as follows:

Authority of City Council.

The city council shall appoint a traffic control officer.

Powers and Duties of Traffic Control Officer.

The traffic control officer, except as otherwise directed by this chapter and except as otherwise directed from time to time by the city council, shall have the power and is hereby authorized to regulate the operation and parking of vehicles within the corporate limits of the city by the erection or placing of signs, signals, markers, markings and other authorized traffic control devices at such places in the city and at such time as such officer deems most expedient for the regulation of traffic on the streets and public ways of the city which would be in the best interests of the safety and welfare of the city. As requested by the council, the traffic control officer shall report to the city council changes that are made. The traffic control officer shall have the discretion to consult with a traffic engineer when necessary.

The general powers of the traffic control officer as provided in this section shall not be limited by, but shall include the following:

1. Designation of areas where parking is prohibited or limited.
2. Designation of one-way streets, through streets, stop streets, “U” turns, play streets, school zones, hospital zones, quiet zones, crosswalks, safety zones and truck routes.
3. In coordination with the Alabama Department of Transportation, where applicable, installation and proper timing and maintenance of traffic control devices.
4. Marking off of traffic lanes indicating the flow of traffic.
5. Closing of streets to vehicular or pedestrian traffic for temporary periods of time.
6. Regulation of traffic during emergencies notwithstanding other regulations.
7. Designation of bus stops and taxi stands.
8. Designation and placement, upon consultation with a traffic engineer if necessary, of physical traffic calming measures (including but not limited to rumble strips, lane narrowing areas, pedestrian islands, and speed dips). The traffic control officer, in consultation with a traffic engineer if necessary, is further authorized to issue rules and regulation concerning the criteria for utilizing traffic calming measures, and for their approval, type, and/or installation.

Manual and Specifications.

The Alabama Manual on Traffic Control Devices, as may be amended from time to time by the Alabama Highway Department, is hereby adopted as the manual on traffic control devices for the city. All traffic control devices required under this chapter shall, so far as practicable, be uniform as to type and location throughout the city. All traffic control devices so erected and not inconsistent with the provisions of state law or this title shall be official traffic control devices.

State Law reference- Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, Code of Ala. 1975 § 32-5A-30.

Location ratified.

The location of traffic control devices in place on the adoption date of this Code is ratified and confirmed and shall be considered to have been authorized under this Ordinance.

Abolishment of Traffic Control Board.

The existence of any prior existing Traffic Control Board is hereby abolished by this Ordinance.

SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

**THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK