

Village of Mantua, Ohio
ORDINANCE 2021-24
(Amended)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 331.45 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, RELATING TO DISTRACTED DRIVING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, it has been recommended by the Safety Committee that Section 331.45 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Mantua be amended, in order to prohibit interacting with a mobile communications device in order to make a telephone call while operating a motor vehicle.

NOW THEREFORE, be it Ordained by the Council of the Village of Mantua, Portage County, Ohio, two-thirds or more of the members elected thereto concurring, that:

SECTION 1: Section 331.45(a) and 331.45(b) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Mantua are hereby amended to add language as follows:

(a) No person shall drive a motor vehicle on any street, highway, or property open to the public for vehicular travel while using a mobile communications device to write, send, or read a text based communication or initiate, receive or otherwise engage in a telephone call.

(b) No person shall drive a motor vehicle on any street, highway, or property open to the public for vehicular travel while using a mobile communications device to send, read, create, play or interact with internet-based content, cellular data or global positioning system services.

SECTION 2: Existing Section 331.45(d)(4) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Mantua is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: Section 331.45(d)(5) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Mantua is hereby re-numbered as section 331.45(d)(4).

SECTION 4: All other provisions of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Mantua, including the remaining sections of Chapter 331.45, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure in order to enhance the public health, safety, and welfare within the whole of the Village by adding additional prohibitions and safeguards in the “Distracted Driving” section of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Mantua, and shall become effective immediately upon proper passage by the Mantua Village Council.

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Passed in Council this 15th day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

Linda Clark, Mayor

Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer

I hereby certify the above Ordinance was posted at the five (5) public notice locations in the Village of Mantua, Ohio on the ____ day of June, 2021.

Approved as to Legal Form:

Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer

Michele Stuck, Solicitor