

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-16

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ALLOW THE CITY OF KENT FIRE DEPARTMENT TO OPERATE THE NEWLY PURCHASED POLARIS RANGER UTILITY VEHICLE ON THE ROADWAYS WITHIN THE CITY OF KENT ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent Fire Department has recently purchased a Polaris Ranger Utility Vehicle to improve community safety and enhance their response time and capabilities to certain areas that are not accessible by EMS units and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle was purchased with equipment that would render it effective off road as well as equipment that gives it capabilities to be utilized on the roadway for purposes of getting the vehicle to the incident scene; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle will only travel on roadways that are 35 mph and under.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, at least three-fourths (3/4) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That Council does hereby authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to allow the City of Kent Fire Department to operate the newly purchased Polaris Ranger Utility Vehicle on the roadways within the City of Kent on an as needed basis and only when it has been properly licensed, inspected and is in compliance with any other laws and regulations.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption 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 of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: February 19, 2020
Date

Jerry T. Fiala
Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: February 19, 2020
Date

ATTEST: Amy Wilkens
Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20_____.

(SEAL)

AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL