ORDINANCE NO. 017141

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12, (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), TO AMEND CHAPTER 12.08 (ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT), SECTION 12.08.220 (IMPOUNDING VEHICLES) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE; BY ADDING SUBSECTION 12.08.220 A.21, AUTHORIZING A POLICE OFFICER TO IMPOUND A MOTOR VEHICLE STOPPED FOR A TRAFFIC LAW VIOLATION IF THE VEHICLE'S OWNER OR OPERATOR FAILS TO SHOW EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

WHEREAS, owners or operators operating vehicles in the City of El Paso are required to show evidence of financial responsibility as required under Chapter 601 of the Texas Transportation Code; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso Police Department will provide the necessary training for its officers in the enforcement of Section 12.08.220 of the El Paso City Code relating to the impounding of vehicles, including specific training regarding the TexasSure program, where the owner or operator fails to show proof of financial responsibility as required under Chapter 601 of the Texas Transportation Code;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Section 1. That Subsection 12.08.220 (Impounding Vehicles) of the El Paso City Code shall be amended to add the following subsection 12.08.220 A.21; it shall read as follows:

Section 12.08.220 Impounding Vehicles. Subsection 12.08.220 A.21:

21. When a vehicle is stopped by a police officer for an alleged traffic law violation; and the vehicle's owner or operator fails to show evidence of financial responsibility as required under Chapter 601 of the Texas Transportation Code, as amended.

Section 2. Except as herein amended, Section 12.08.220 of the El Paso City Code (Impounding Vehicles) shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. This Amendment shall be effective on September 5, 2009.

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ADOPTED this 14th day of July 2009.

CITY OF EL PASO

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