

**COUNCIL BILL NO.** \_\_\_\_\_ **ENACTMENT NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 8-2-1-24 ROA 1994, A PORTION OF THE TRAFFIC CODE,  
TO PROVIDE A CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR TALKING ON OR OTHERWISE  
OPERATING A HAND-HELD CELLULAR PHONE WHILE DRIVING A VEHICLE;  
CREATING EXCEPTIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF  
ALBUQUERQUE

**9 § 8-2-1-24 DRIVER'S PROHIBITED ACTS.**

11           (A)   Drive while having in his lap any person, adult or minor, or any  
12   animal, nor shall the driver of a vehicle be seated in the lap of any other  
13   person.

**15 (C) Knowingly permit any other person to interfere with the steering**

17 (D) Carry any animal in or upon any vehicle in a cruel, inhumane, or  
18 unsafe manner. Animals carried in the bed of trucks must be crated or  
19 restrained upon a non metal mat so that they cannot fall or jump from the  
20 truck.

21 [+(E) Drive a vehicle while talking on or otherwise operating a hand-held  
22 cellular phone. Calling 911 while driving a vehicle in order to report the need  
23 for roadside assistance, an emergency or a crime being committed shall be  
24 exempt from this provision.+] ]

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- 1       Section 3.   EFFECTIVE DATE.  This ordinance shall take effect five days
- 2   after publication by title and general summary.

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