

Resolution 2017- 4

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RULES FOR EMPLOYEE MOBILE PHONE USE DURING
WORKING HOURS

Wherein, on this 20 Day of March, 2017, came the Kiowa County Commission and considered the matter of mobile phone use by county employees while operating motor vehicles in the course of their employment..

Whereas, on March 20, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners of Kiowa County, Kansas, desires to establish a policy to ensure that employees who use mobile phones while operating a motor vehicle do so in a responsible manner while they are acting in their official capacity as public employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KIOWA COUNTY KANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:

(a) Failure to abide by the following regulations shall be a violation of the Kiowa County Employee Conduct and Work Rules:

(1) No County employee while acting in their official capacity as public employees shall use a hand-held mobile telephone while driving a motor vehicle;

(2) No County department shall allow or require its drivers to use a hand-held mobile telephone while driving a motor vehicle in the course of their employment.

(b) Definitions:

(1) Driving means: operating a motor vehicle on a highway, or other roadway, including while temporarily stationary because of traffic, a traffic control device, or other momentary delays. Driving does not include operating a motor vehicle when the driver has moved the vehicle to the side of, or off, a highway or other roadway and has halted in a location where the vehicle can safely remain stationary.


(2) Use of a hand-held mobile telephone means: using at least one hand to hold a mobile phone to make a call; dialing a mobile phone by pressing more than a single button; or reaching for a mobile phone in a manner that requires a driver to maneuver so that he or she is no longer in a seated driving position, restrained by a seat belt.

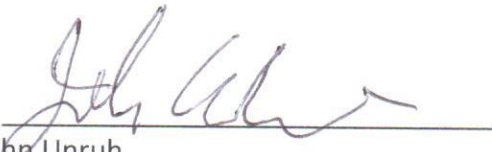
(c) Emergency exception: Use of a hand-held mobile telephone is permissible by a County Employee driving a motor vehicle when necessary to communicate with law enforcement officials or other emergency services.

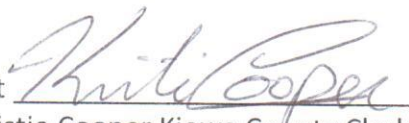
Passed and adopted this 20 Day of March, 2017.

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