

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2022- 4

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KIOWA COUNTY, KANSAS, REGARDING THE USE OF PERSONAL VEHICLES AS “AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES” BY THE KIOWA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Officers of the Kiowa County Fire Department are volunteer firefighters and such Fire Department Officers are generally required to respond for emergencies from their work or home.

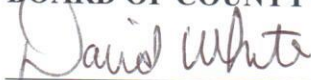
WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KIOWA COUNTY, KANSAS, that the Board of County Commissioners of Kiowa County, Kansas find and order as follows:

1. That Officers of the Kiowa County Fire Department may use and install emergency lights and sirens on personal vehicles in accordance with the provisions of this resolution when responding to emergency situations including medical emergencies, fires, and fire alarms.
2. That the Kiowa County Fire Department Officers shall be defined as the Kiowa County Fire Department Chief, the Kiowa County Fire Department Deputy Chief, and the Kiowa County Fire Department Captains.
3. That any Kiowa County Fire Department Officer must submit an “Application for an Authorized Emergency Vehicle Permit” and such application must be approved by the Kiowa County Fire Department Chief, the Kiowa County Sheriff, and the Kiowa County Board of Commissioners to use such personal vehicle as an Authorized Emergency Vehicle prior to the use of emergency lights and sirens on a personal vehicle.
4. That an inspection of the emergency equipment shall be required before a permit will be approved.
5. That any Officer of the Kiowa County Fire Department using a personal vehicle as an Authorized Emergency Vehicle shall operate the vehicle with due regard for the safety and property of others and shall abide by all applicable statutes and regulations regarding the operation and equipment for “Authorized Emergency Vehicles” including but not limited to K.S.A. 8-1720, K.S.A. 8-1738, and K.S.A. 8-1506.
6. The Kiowa County Fire Department Chief is hereby authorized to revoke the permit of any Officer of the Kiowa County Fire Department who violates the provisions of this resolution or any applicable statute or regulation regarding the operation or equipment for Authorized Emergency Vehicle.

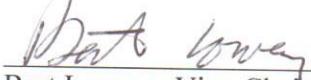
7. That any permit shall only apply to the Officer and specific vehicle approved in the permit. No other driver may use the approved vehicle as an Authorized Emergency Vehicle nor may a Officer approved for a particular vehicle use a different vehicle as an Authorized Emergency Vehicle unless a permit has also been approved for such vehicle.
8. All prior permits approving a personal vehicle as an Authorized Emergency Vehicle for the Kiowa County Fire Department are hereby rescinded and a new application must be submitted and approved prior to the use of emergency lights and sirens on a personal vehicle for the Kiowa County Fire Department.

Passed and adopted this 18th day of January, 2022

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KIOWA COUNTY, KANSAS:




David White, Chairman



Bert Lowery, Vice-Chairman



John Bertram

Attest 

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk