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# PRESS RELEASE

## Distracted Driving

**Watauga, Texas** - On, November 16, 2015, the Watauga City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting the use of wireless communication devices while operating a motor vehicle. The City of Watauga felt it was necessary to adopt this ordinance in an attempt to mitigate the potential threat to the health, safety, and welfare of motorists and pedestrians within the City since drivers are at a greater risk of losing control of their vehicles due to manual, visual, and cognitive distractions.

In an effort to inform and remind citizens and visitors about the new ordinance prohibiting the use of wireless communication devices while operating a motor vehicle, the City will post signs at each point of entry into the City on Highway 377 and at each point of entry into the City on Watauga Road, Hightower Drive, Starnes Road, Chapman Road, Park Vista Boulevard, and Whitley Road. The City will issue warnings for the ordinance while signs are being placed and officially begin enforcement of the ordinance on, February 1, 2016. Additionally, the Watauga Police Department will have an overview of the ordinance on their website with an explanation of what the ordinance prohibits, what the definitions within the ordinance mean, what are some examples of prohibited activity while operating a motor vehicle in Watauga, and what is the amount of the fine for a violation. For more information about the ordinance please contact Sergeant Bobby Faglie at 817.514.5872.