AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF ROUNDABOUTS AT STREET INTERSECTIONS; REPEALING ANY ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the roundabout is a traffic control device designed to reduce vehicle delay, improve intersection capacity, increase safety and enhance the aesthetics of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. Definition. For purposes of this ordinance, a roundabout is a roadway intersection with one-way, counterclockwise circulation around a central island. Entering traffic yields the right-of-way to the circulating traffic.

SECTION 2. Executing turns in a roundabout. Vehicles shall enter the roundabout only after stopping and yielding to the cars on the left. Vehicles which enter the roundabout shall move to the right and counterclockwise and shall only exit to the right. Vehicles on the interior of the roundabout have the right of way. A vehicle passing around a rotary traffic island shall be driven only to the right of the circle.

SECTION 3. Exceptions. This ordinance shall not apply to emergency vehicles or oversize vehicles. For purposes of this ordinance, an oversize vehicle is a vehicle which cannot safely execute a proper turn in the roundabout. Oversize vehicles shall only enter a roundabout and execute its turn when the roundabout is clear of other traffic and a clockwise left turn can be safely executed.
SECTION 4. Penalty. Any person who shall violate a provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor. Upon conviction of any such violation, such person shall be punished by a fine, not to exceed $100.00, in addition to any court costs required by law.

SECTION 5. Emergency Clause. That this ordinance is necessary for the protection of the peace, health and safety of the citizens of Conway, and therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this ordinance shall go into effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED this 8th day of May, 2001.

MAYOR TAB TOWNSELL

ATTEST:

MICHAEL O. GARRETT, CITY CLERK