

# ONE TEXT OR CALL COULD **WRECK** IT ALL

## Amarillo is Hands-Free for YOUR Safety

### THE FACTS:

- If you're behind the wheel of a car while driving in Amarillo, it is against City ordinance to use a handheld cell phone.
- You can still use hands-free features including:
  - A speakerphone feature
  - A voice-activated feature or device
  - A hands-free accessory device like a Bluetooth
- A driver may press the button(s) necessary to use, activate or end these features or devices.
- The handheld cell phone ban does not apply to a GPS unit that is separate from a cell phone.
- What you cannot do, though, is text, talk, or otherwise hold your cell phone while driving.
- Citations will be issued starting February 2, 2013

### EXCEPTIONS:

- You may use a handheld cell phone while driving as follows:
  - To call for fire, police or ambulance in case of a bona fide emergency. That means there must be imminent danger to life or safety.
  - To call a doctor, hospital or clinic.
  - A government employee, first responder, or volunteer – **but only while acting in official capacity with an immediate need to give or receive necessary official information.**
  - Licensed amateur radio operators are exempted by federal law.

### FINES:

- The fine can be up to \$200 plus court costs.



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