ORDINANCE No. 2011-10

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT STANDING OR WALKING ON PUBLIC MEDIANS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREFORE, the presence of pedestrians in public roadways and medians poses a safety hazard to said pedestrians; and

WHEREFORE, the presence of pedestrians in such locations distracts drivers from being alert for observing traffic signals and avoiding potential dangers in the roadways, thereby creating a traffic hazard; and

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRYANT, ARKANSAS THAT:

Section 1. Standing or Walking On Public Medians Prohibited

Except in cases of an emergency, no person shall stand or walk on or along medians located on any public roadway, street, or highway, except for the purpose of crossing said roadway, street, or highway in compliance with all state and local laws.

This provision shall not apply to law enforcement or emergency personnel.

Section 2. Penalties

A person convicted of a violation of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$50.00, unless a violation of this Ordinance is also a misdemeanor under state law, in which case, the penalty for the violation shall be as prescribed by state law for the state offense.

The imposition of a penalty under this Ordinance does not prevent revocation or suspension of a license, permit or franchise, and the request for or imposition of a penalty hereunder does not prevent the simultaneous request for granting of equitable relief in appropriate cases.

Section 3. Repealer

All ordinances, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Severability

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be servable and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

Section 5. Emergency Clause

It is hereby found and determined that the passage of this Ordinance is necessary in order to ensure the proper and orderly growth of this land and preservation of the public health, safety and welfare. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this day of April, 2011.

Mayor Jill Dabbs

ATTEST: