

There Ought'a be a Law Against Stupidity

“Stupid is as stupid does.” Forrest Gump

Here are three examples of things that stupid people do:

- Blocking the passing lane by mindlessly driving side-by-side at the same speed.
- Picketing in residential neighborhoods believing that their protest results in a positive net gain in support for their cause, whatever that cause may be.
- Allowing a policy to trump reason by not considering exceptions.

Stupid people lack common sense, are oblivious to the impact they have on others and are inconsiderate to the point of causing harm to others even when it does not benefit them.

Stupid people are all around us and we encounter them on a daily basis. The problem is that we don't know who they are until after the trigger has been pulled.

While we cannot legislate stupidity away, we can at least require stupid people to give us fair warning and declare their stupidity prior to miring us in their predicaments and tribulations.

On April 1, 2014, I proposed an Ordinance in Greenwood Village requiring stupid people to disclose their stupidity prior to any engagement or discourse.



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A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 6

SERIES OF 2014

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILMEMBER PRESLEY

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1 BY ADDING A NEW
ARTICLE VI, DECLARATION OF STUPIDITY, TO THE
GREENWOOD VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, stupid people generally lack common sense and find it impossible to process a logical, reasoned, or rational thought and tend to be clueless as to their stupidity; and

WHEREAS, stupidity is unrelated to intelligence and smart people with high IQ's can be astonishingly stupid; and

WHEREAS, stupid people can be found in every occupation, race, political party, and walk of life; and

WHEREAS, stupidity causes profound damage to society in general, hinders the pursuit of happiness, and creates an inordinate amount of angst on the part of individuals directly assailed by the stupidity of others; and

WHEREAS, some of the things stupid people do are benign, do not affect others and actually add to the quality of life by amusing the public as to the unbelievable stupidity of those who inflict self-pain or death, making them eligible to receive a Darwin Award, however, most actions of stupid people cause exorbitant and extensive harm to others; and

WHEREAS, most young people of an immature age do stupid things beyond their control and should be granted special latitude on their ability to think clearly, with an extended time granted to young males who continue to be stupid and immature until the age of 30; and

WHEREAS, the amount of damage which can be done by a stupid person is directly related to the amount of power and authority granted to the person, such that, for example, an elected official with the ability to use the Rule of Law to impose stupid ideas on the populace has the potential to cause more harm per capita than any other occupation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENWOOD VILLAGE,
COLORADO, ORDAINS:**

Section 1. Article VI, Declaration of Stupidity, is hereby added to Chapter 1 of the Greenwood Village Municipal Code, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI. DECLARATION OF STUPIDITY

Sec. 1-6-10. Definitions

(a) For purposes of this Chapter, a “Stupid Person” is defined as any female person 18 years of age or older, or any male person 30 years of age or older, who through their actions demonstrates an inability to have clear thought processes, lacks common sense and prudence, cannot conceive of logical, reasoned, or rational thought and is generally witless, moronic and clueless as to the negative impact they have on others.

(b) For purposes of this Chapter, a “Stupid Elected Official” means a Stupid Person who, by virtue of being elected to any public office, is in a position to wreak proportionately more havoc on society than the average Stupid Person not in such a position of power or authority.

Sec. 1-6-20. Declarative acts.

(a) No Stupid Person living, working or breathing within The City of Greenwood Village may begin a conversation without first declaring, “I am a stupid person and anything I say or do has the potential to harm you.”

(b) No Stupid Elected Official living, working or breathing within the City of Greenwood Village shall operate a motor vehicle upon the streets of Greenwood Village unless it displays a bumper sticker containing the following warnings:

- a. “BEWARE! I am stupid and I enact laws.”
- b. If the Stupid Elected Official is at the municipal or county level, an additional line shall read “Keep Back 100 Feet.”
- c. If the Stupid Elected Official is at the state level, an additional line shall read “Keep Back 500 Feet.”
- d. If the Stupid Elected Official is at the federal level, an additional line shall read “Keep Away One Mile in All Directions.”

Sec. 1-6-30. Penalty for violation.

(a) For first time offenders, the penalty for failing to warn listeners or other drivers shall be mandatory wearing, at all times, of a white conical hat containing the word “Dunce” on the front.

(b) Subsequent offenses shall render the offender serially stupid and the penalty for which shall be a permanent tattoo affixed to the forehead of the offender with the words “Serially Stupid”. Tattoo services shall be available during normal business hours in the office of the City Clerk. Due to anticipated heavy volume, appointments are recommended.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect six (6) days after publication following final passage.

INTRODUCED AND APPROVED ON FRST READING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 2014,
AND ORDERED PUBLISHED IN THE VILLAGER.

Ronald J. Rakowsky, Mayor

ATTEST

Susan M. Phillips, MMC
City Clerk

INTRODUCED AND APPROVED ON SECOND READING ON THE _____ DAY OF
_____, 2014, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED IN FULL.

Ronald J. Rakowsky, Mayor

ATTEST:

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EFFECTIVE: _____