

PETITION TO BAN COMPETITIVE VEHICLE RACING IN McDONALD COUNTY MISSOURI

We, the undersigned residents of McDonald County, believe that competitive vehicle racing poses significant risks to public safety, community well-being, and the environment. The overall nature of these races can lead to dangerous accidents and disturbances to our neighborhoods and natural areas. We respectfully petition that the McDonald County Commissioners take action to protect our community by placing a measure on the next election ballot to ban competitive vehicle racing within McDonald County, Missouri. The next election takes place April 8, 2025 with a certification date by the McDonald County Commission no later than January 28th, 2025. We have submitted this petition in an expeditious manner to ensure there is adequate time for the commission to get it on to ballot.

WHEREAS:

- We believe the McDonald County Commissioners should put the interest and well-being of tax paying McDonald County residents above non-residents;
- Competitive vehicle racing increases the likelihood of serious accidents and fatalities on our roads;
- An ordinance eliminates the chances of McDonald County Citizens being criminally charged with fatalities or injuries resulting from said races;
- The issues associated with racing disrupts the peace and tranquility of our communities;
- Racing activities may harm and degrade the quality of life for county residents;
- Our public resources, including law enforcement and emergency services, are unduly burdened by racing events;

THEREFORE, WE PETITION THAT:

- The McDonald County Commissioners place a ballot initiative before the voters at the earliest possible election, which would be the April 8th, 2025 election. This would allow the citizens of McDonald County to vote for or against banning competitive vehicle racing on county roads. We feel this matter should be up to the public, who are in fact the most affected.
- **Prohibiting Competitive Wheeled Vehicle Racing:** Any organized or spontaneous race, contest, challenge, derby, time trial, tournament, or competition between two or more wheeled vehicles, or any similar event designed to test the speed, endurance, or performance of a vehicle and/or its operator with intent to finish in a position earlier than others, is prohibited on all McDonald County owned and maintained roads.
- **Vehicle:** Under Missouri law, a "vehicle" refers to any automobile, motorcycle, bicycle, tractor, semi-truck, ATV, dirt bike, or any other wheeled machine capable of being operated on public or private roads.

In general terms, a vehicle is any device designed to transport people or goods from one location to another, typically on roads or other surfaces. Vehicles can be powered by an engine, motor, or alternative forms of propulsion, such as human or animal power.

McDonald County Resident Petitioners Attached:

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