



While you shouldn't be texting while driving anyway (especially during that commute to and from work), last night [Vestavia Hills became the first city in metro Birmingham to pass an ordinance banning texting \(and other forms of electronic messaging\) while driving](#). Now, you have up to 100 reasons for not doing it (\$100 is the maximum fine allowed by the new law). Those other forms of messaging include typing on laptops and typing information into a global positioning system.

According to [The Birmingham News' report](#), it should take approximately one week for the new law to take effect. Vestavia Hills Council President Mary Lee Rice expressed her disappointment in comments to [ABC 33/40](#) and [WBRC](#) in state lawmakers not passing a statewide ban during the most recent legislative session.

[CBS 42](#) reminded us in their piece that there are already two other cities in Alabama currently enforcing a texting ban, Jacksonville and Roanoke.

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