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Memphis Council Passes ‘Driving Equality’ Ordinance after the Death of Tyre Nichols

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MEMPHIS, TN – The Memphis City Council, calling it an effort to foster safer driving procedures and an overall safer community while limiting interaction between police and the Black populace, adopted a “Driving Equality” ordinance Wednesday after a council majority voted 11-0 for the measure.

The push toward “Driving Equality” deepened after the murder of Tyre Nichols, a Black man killed by Memphis police officers Jan. 7 after a traffic stop, according to council members.

Tyre Nichols’ death, in conjunction with countless others, sparked a debate at the council session from advocacy groups, such as Decarcerate Memphis and Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope, about the need for “Driving Equality.”

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