

Bill No. 181

ORDINANCE NO. 181 . Duplicate

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE AND OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND OTHER VEHICLES UPON THE STRAITS AND HIGHWAYS OF THE CITY OF ST. MARY, STE. GENEVIEVE COUNTY, MISSOURI.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ST. MARY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I. Definition and Scope of Ordinance.

Section 1. Definitions--Whenever in this ordinance the following words or terms are used, they shall be deemed and taken to have the meaning ascribed to them as follows:

"Highway, " any public thoroughfares for vehicles, including all public streets, boulevards, parkways, alleys or State or County roads entering the municipality, within the corporate limits of the city.

"Intersecting Highways," any highway which joins another whether or not it crosses the same.

"Motor Vehicle," any self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively upon tracks, except farm tractors and fire engines, police patrol, wagons and ambulances, owned and operated by the city.

"Operator," any person who operates or drives a motor vehicle.

"Person," includes, firm, corporation, partnership or association.

"Vehicle," any mechanical devise on wheels designed primarily for use on highways, except those drawn by human power, or those ^{used} exclusively on tracks.

Section 2. Scope of Ordinance---The provisions and prohibitions provided for in this ordinance, shall apply to the operation of motor vehicles and other vehicles upon the highways in the City of St. Mary, Ste. Genevieve County, Missouri.

ARTICLE II. Speed Limit.

Section 1. Speed Limit. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons operating, running, or driving any motor vehicle or other vehicle to operate, run or drive the same on any highway in the City of St. Mary, Ste. Genevieve County, Missouri, at a rate

of speed in excess of thirty (30) miles per hour, and it shall further be unlawful to operate, run, or drive such vehicle at intersections of highways, or when turning the corner of intersecting highways, or crossing intersecting highways, or when traversing a curve or turn in any highway, or when entering one highway from another, at a rate of speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour.

Section 2. Operators of motor vehicles upon approaching a school or a church and when within three hundred (300) feet thereof, must reduce the speed of the vehicle being operated, to a speed not exceeding twenty (20) miles per hour, and shall not increase such speed ^{TO A SPEED} in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour, until they have proceeded at least three hundred (300) feet therefrom.

ARTICLE III. Lamps and Lights, Signal Devices, Brakes and other Equipment.

Section 1. Every motor vehicle while on the highway, whether in operation or otherwise, during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise, and at all other times when atmospheric conditions render the operation of motor vehicles dangerous on the highway, shall carry at the front two white lights visible under normal conditions for a distance of five hundred feet, such lamps shall be directed forward and every motor vehicle and motorcycle shall display one red light mounted on the back and directed to the rear. No vehicle shall display or project to the front or sides any other than white lights, or such shades as are commonly known and recognized as white and no vehicle shall display at the back or project toward the rear any other than an red light, except that on motor vehicles which are required to carry number plates on the rear, the rear lamp shall be so constructed, mounted and adjusted as to project from its sides, top, bottom or front, sufficient white light upon such plate as to make the number plate plainly visible from a distance of twenty five feet, provided that nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the use of additional red rear lights carried for added safety or of such white lights of low intensity as may be required in the operation of mechanical rear signaling devices, but no motor vehicles shall have mounted at its back,

any lamp or light projecting towards the rear light of sufficient intensity to conceal the number or interfere with the vision of any one following.

✓ Section 2. Motor vehicles and other vehicles when parked during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, shall display one red light to the rear, and such light shall be of sufficient size and intensity to disclose the location of said vehicles for a distance of two hundred and fifty feet.

Section 3. Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a horn, directed forward, or whistle, in good working order, capable of emitting a sound adequate in quantity and volume to give warning of the approach of such vehicle to other users of the highway and to pedestrians. Such signalling device shall be used for warning purposes only and shall not be used for making unnecessary noise, and no other sound producing signalling devices shall be used at any time.

Section 4. All motor vehicles, except motorcycles shall be provided at all times with two sets of adequate brakes, kept in good working order, and motorcycles shall be provided with one set of ^{adequate} brakes in good working order.

Section 5. Bicycles while on the public highway, whether in operation or at rest, shall carry, during the time motor vehicles are required to reveal a light, one white light projecting forward and one red light at the rear.

ARTICLE IV. Rules of the Highway and Traffic Regulations.

Section 1. Every person operating or driving a motor vehicle or other vehicle upon the highways of this city shall observe and comply with the following rules and regulations:

(a) All motor vehicles and other vehicles when not in motion, shall be placed with their right side as near the right hand curb or side of the highway as practicable, not to exceed 12 inches therefrom, except where parking regulations provide that the vehicle be parked at an angle from the curb; provided, however, that this regulation shall not apply to vehicles stopped along the side of the road for the purpose of loading or unloading cargo or passengers.

(b) An operator meeting another vehicle coming from the opposite direction on the same highway, shall turn and keep to the right of the center of the highway so as to pass without interfering.

(c) An operator or driver of a vehicle overtaking another going in the same direction and desiring to pass the same shall pass to the left of the vehicles so overtaken, provided that the way ahead is clear of approaching traffic, but if the way is not clear he shall not pass unless the width of the highway is sufficient to allow his vehicle to pass to the right of the center of the street thereof in the same direction in which his vehicle is moving and provided further that no operator or driver shall pass a vehicle from the rear on a curve where the view ahead is obstructed or while the vehicle is crossing an intersecting highway. An operator or driver overtaking and desiring to pass a vehicle shall sound his signalling device and the operator or driver of the vehicle so overtaken shall promptly upon such signal, turn his vehicle as far as reasonable possible to the right in order to allow free passage on the left of his vehicle.

(d) An operator or driver of a vehicle rounding a curve shall keep as far to the right on the highway as is reasonable possible.

(e) All vehicles approaching an intersection on a highway with the intention of turning into an intersecting highway, shall in turning to the right be driven by the operator to the right of the center of said intersection, and in turning to the left shall be driven beyond the center of said intersection, passing to the right thereof before turning such vehicle to the left.

(f) An operator or driver when stopping a vehicle, or when checking the speed of a vehicle shall, if the movement of other vehicles may reasonable be affected by such stopping or checking of speed, extend his arm in a horizontal position so that the same may be seen in the rear of his vehicle.

(g) An operator or driver intending to turn a vehicle to the right, shall extend his arm above a horizontal position so that the same may be seen in the rear of his vehicle, and shall slow down and approach the intersecting highway as near as practicable to the right side of the highway along which he is proceeding before turning therefrom.

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(h) An operator or driver intending to turn his vehicle to the left shall extend his arm below horizontal position so that the same may be seen in the rear of his vehicle, and slow down and approach the intersecting highway so that the left side of his vehicle shall be as near as practicable to the center line of the highway along which he is proceeding, before turning therefrom.

(i) An operator or driver of a motor vehicle shall have the right-of-way over the operator or driver of any other motor vehicle who is approaching from the left on an intersecting highway and shall give the right-of-way to an operator or driver of a motor vehicle approaching from the right on an intersecting highway. The right-of-way shall mean the right to proceed when two or more vehicles will reach such intersection at approximately the same time.


(j) No person under the age of sixteen (16) year shall operate a motor vehicle upon the highways of this city.

~~_____~~ (k) No motor vehicle or other vehicle shall be parked or permitted to be parked or to remain in the street in such manner as to interfere with the regular lines of traffic thereon, and for the purposes of this section it shall be deemed an interference with traffic for the operator or driver of a motor vehicle or other vehicle to stop, park or permit his or her vehicle to remain in the regular path of traffic longer than is reasonably necessary to find parking space at the curb, and driving along slowly while holding a conversation with persons on the highway or side-walk or in another vehicle, or driving along at such a slow rate of speed for any other reason so that the traffic is hindered or vehicles following from the rear cannot pass, shall also be deemed an interference with traffic.

(l) Every person driving or operating a motor vehicle or other vehicle upon the streets or highways of this City, shall operate the same so as not to interfere with other vehicles being operated thereon, and it shall be unlawful to turn around or cause to be turned around, any motor vehicle or other vehicle, between street intersections, or to turn between street intersections, to park said vehicle on the opposite side of the street from the side upon which such vehicle is being operated, and the operator of a motor vehicle or other vehicle, desiring to turn his vehicle and

proceed in the opposite direction from which he is proceeding, shall proceed to next street intersection, and make at such street intersection, what is known as a U left turn.

(m) It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any motor vehicle with any person or persons hanging therefrom or standing on the running-boards thereof or riding on the fenders thereof.



ARTICLE V. Muffler Cut-Outs.

Section 1. Muffler cut-outs shall not be used, and no vehicle shall be driven in such manner or condition that excessive and unnecessary noises shall be made by its machinery, motor, signaling device, or other parts thereof, or by any improperly loaded cargo.

Section 2. The motors of all motor vehicles shall be fitted with properly attached mufflers of such capacity or construction as to quiet the maximum possible exhaust noise as completely as is done in modern gas engine passenger motor vehicles. Any cut-out opening in the exhaust pipe between the motor and muffler on any motor vehicle shall be completely closed and disconnected from its operating lever, and shall be so arranged that it cannot automatically open, or be opened or operated while such vehicle is in motion.

ARTICLE VI. Operating motor Vehicles While Intoxicated, *and leaving the scene of an accident.*

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to run, drive or operate a motor vehicle while such person is in an intoxicated condition.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person operating a motor vehicle who, knowing that injury has been caused to a person or to property by such vehicle to leave the place of such injury or accident without giving his name, resident, including street number, and a description of the accident as to the time, place and nature, to the injured party or to a duly elected ^{and/or} appointed and qualified police officer.

ARTICLE VII. Using Vehicle Without Consent of Owner.

Section 1. No person shall take, use, operate, run or in any way damage or interfere with any motor vehicle in this city without first having obtained the consent, permission and authority of

the owner of such vehicle, so to do.

ARTICLE VIII. Parking Regulations.

Section 1. Any person operating any motor vehicle or other vehicle on the highways of the city, who bring such motor vehicle or other vehicle to a stop thereon, for a longer period of time than three minutes shall park such motor vehicle or other vehicle on the right side of the highway in the direction in which such motor vehicle or other vehicle is facing. To "park" means that such vehicle shall be placed parallel to the curb or gutter line with their right side to the curb or gutter line, and not more than twelve inches from the curb or gutter line, nor less than four feet from any other vehicle.

Section 2. No vehicle shall be parked in such a manner that any part thereof is within ten feet of any fire plug or hydrant.

Section 3. No vehicle shall be parked in such a manner that any part thereof is within twenty (20) feet of any intersecting highway.

ARTICLE IX. Penalty.

Section 1. Any person or persons violating any of the provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not exceeding One Hundred Dollars, or imprisonment in the City Jail not exceeding three months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

ARTICLE X. Repeal.

Section 1. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Passed this 31st day of December, 1935.

Attest: Joseph Dwyer City Clerk

Approved this 3/rd day of December, 1935.

Attest: J. J. J. J. J. Mayor