

BILL NO. 312

ORDINANCE NO. 312

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MANNER OF OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ST. MARYS, MISSOURI; REGULATING THE SPEED OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITHIN THE CITY OF ST. MARYS; REGULATING THE PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITHIN THE CITY OF ST. MARYS; REGULATING STOP SIGNS WITHIN THE CITY OF ST. MARYS; DEFINING THE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED ON MOTOR VEHICLES OPERATED ON CITY STREETS OF THE CITY OF ST. MARYS; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND DESIGNATING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT.

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

SECTION 1
MANNER OF OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES

Every person operating a motor vehicle on the streets of the City of St. Marys shall drive the vehicle in a careful and prudent manner and at a rate of speed so as not to endanger the property or life of another and shall exercise the highest degree of care.

SECTION 2
SPEED LIMITS

No motor vehicles shall be operated upon the streets of the City of St. Marys:

- a. ~~In excess of thirty miles per hour.~~ *Repealed*
- b. In excess of fifteen miles per hour in any area designated as a school or church zone by the Board of Aldermen by appropriate resolution and when signs are duly erected as ordered by said Board of Aldermen. A school or church zone as used herein is defined as the area within 150 feet of a school or church.
- c. In excess of fifteen miles per hour in any emergency zone when appropriate signs are erected by the City Marshall or his deputies. An emergency zone shall be an area where construction work is taking place, an accident has occurred or any other emergency situation which would endanger the lives or property of the citizens of St. Marys.

SECTION 3
RULES OF THE ROAD

Upon all City streets of the City of St. Marys of sufficient width all vehicles shall be driven upon the right half of the roadway except as follows:

- a. When passing a vehicle proceeding in the same direction.

- b. When making a left turn.
- c. When the right half of the roadway is closed to traffic due to construction or repair.
- d. If such street is designated a one way street.

SECTION 4 PASSING REGULATIONS

No vehicle shall pass on Route #61 in the City of St. Marys when the same is marked with a yellow line indicating no passing.

The operator of a vehicle desiring to pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance and shall not again drive to the right side of the roadway until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle.

No vehicle shall pass another vehicle within 100 feet of any street intersection. Intersection is defined as any street, road or boulevard which intersects another street, road or boulevard.

SECTION 5 DISTANCE AT WHICH VEHICLE MUST FOLLOW

The driver of a vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonably safe and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicle, the traffic upon and the condition of the roadway.

SECTION 6 RIGHT OF WAY AT INTERSECTION

The driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection shall yield the right of way to a vehicle which has entered the intersection from a different street provided, however, there is no form of traffic control at such intersection.

When two vehicles enter an intersection from different streets at approximately the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right of way to the driver of the vehicle on the right. This shall not apply to vehicles approaching each other from opposite directions when the driver of one of such vehicles is attempting or making a left turn.

The driver of a vehicle within an intersection intending to turn to the left shall yield the right of way to any vehicle approaching from the opposite

direction which is within the intersection or so close thereto as to constitute an immediate hazard.

SECTION 7 TURNS AT INTERSECTION

The driver of a vehicle intending to turn at an intersection shall do so as follows:

- a. Both the approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as close as practical to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway.
- b. The driver of a vehicle intending to turn left at any intersection shall approach the intersection in the extreme left hand lane lawfully available to the traffic moving in the direction of travel as such vehicle and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection in a lane lawfully available to traffic moving in such direction upon the roadway being entered.

It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to turn such vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite direction at any intersection nor shall such turn be made at any place unless the movement can be made in safety and without interfering with other traffic.

SECTION 8 STOP SIGNS

All intersections are deemed to be a stop, but a motorist shall not be required to stop unless said official signs have been ordered erected by the Board of Aldermen.

Stop signs shall be in the shape of a hexagon and be either red in color with white letters or yellow in color with black letters.

All drivers shall come to a full stop where any such stop sign is erected before proceeding through the intersection. They shall determine that no traffic is approaching from the other direction before proceeding through the intersection.

All drivers entering a road, street or boulevard from any alley shall stop before entering such road, street or boulevard.

SECTION 9 PARKING REGULATIONS

All motor vehicles parked or stopped in the City of St. Marys shall

be parked parallel to the street and on the right hand side of the street.

No vehicle shall be parked closer than thirty feet to any intersection when the same is marked with appropriate signs marked no parking or marked with a yellow paint on the curb.

When parking spaces are marked the vehicle shall be parked into said marked spaces.

Where there is a curb all vehicles shall be parked as close to the curb as possible and not any further from the curb than 12 inches.

No vehicle shall be parked in an area designated a loading zone or fire zone by the Board of Aldermen by appropriate resolution. A fire zone as used herein shall mean an area in front of any church, school or other public building where the safety of the users of said building shall require free access to the street, *OR Street traveled By Fire engine to OR FROM A FIRE.*

SECTION 10 LIGHTING REGULATIONS

Every motor vehicle other than a motorcycle shall be equipped with at least two approved head lamps mounted on the same level with at least one on each side of the front of the vehicle and every motorcycle shall be equipped with at least one and not more than two approved head lamps.

All motor vehicles shall be equipped as provided by Chapter 307 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri as amended from time to time.

All vehicles shall have at least one tail light of red color in operating condition.

All lights shall be displayed from dusk until dawn.

SECTION 11 MUFFLERS

All vehicles operated within the City of St. Marys shall be equipped with mufflers of standard design as is presently used on new motor cars and trucks.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle without having affixed thereto a muffler of proper design.

SECTION 12 SIGNALS FOR TURNING

When turning right the operator of a motor vehicle shall extend his

arm in a vertical position and raised upward.

When the operator of a vehicle is turning left he shall extend his arm horizontally.

When the operator of a motor vehicle is slowing or stopping, he shall extend his arm vertically downward.

In lieu of the hand signals herein specified an automatic signal may be given by turn indicators as are required and approved by the State of Missouri.

SECTION 13 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

No person shall operate a motor vehicle within the City Limits of St. Marys when he is in an intoxicated condition or while he is under the influence of drugs.

SECTION 14 MOTORIST TO OBEY DIRECTIONS OF POLICE OFFICERS

Any police officer may in an emergency direct a motorist to drive other than is provided in this ordinance and when so directed a motorist shall comply with the directions of such police officer.

SECTION 15 PENALTIES

Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not more than \$100.00 or imprisoned in the City Jail for not longer than six months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 16

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

SECTION 17

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

Passed and approved this 4th day of March, 1970.

Tom R. Schunk
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK