

No. 20. Repealed

MOTOR VEHICLE

AN ORDINANCE CONTROLLING MOTOR VEHICLES AND PRESCRIBING
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION,

Be it ordained by the Council of the Town of Buffalo, Iowa:

SECTION 1. Every person operating any motor vehicle on the streets and alleys of the town shall drive the same in a careful and prudent manner and at a rate of speed that will not endanger the property of another or the life or limb of any person and shall in no way drive the same at a greater rate of speed than as follows: To wit--

1. In a business or school district, fifteen (15) miles per hour.
2. In a residence district, twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
3. In a suburban district, the same as that provided by law for vehicles on highways outside of cities and towns.

(Section 5030, Code of 1931.)

SECTION 2. For the purpose of defining the meaning of the several districts, they shall be as follows:

1. "Business District" The territory contiguous to a highway when fifty (50) per cent or more of the frontage thereon for a distance of three hundred (300) feet or more is occupied by buildings in use for business.
2. "School District" The territory contiguous to a highway for a distance of two hundred (200) feet in either direction from a school house.
3. "Residence District" The territory contiguous to a highway, not comprising a business district or a school district where

forty (40) per cent or more of the frontage on such highway for a distance of three hundred (300) feet or more is occupied by dwellings or by dwellings and buildings in use for business.

4. "Suburban District" All other parts of the municipality not included in business, school, or residence districts.
(Section 5030, Code of 1931)

SECTION 3. The mayor shall have placed conspicuously wherever required suitable signs showing the points at which the rate of speed changes. (Section 5030, B2, Code of 1931)

SECTION 4. All motor vehicles in use on the streets, alleys, and highways, excepting motorcycles, motor bicycles, and such motor vehicles as are properly equipped with one light in the forward center of such motor vehicle, shall, during the period of from one half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, display two or more white or tinted lights, other than red, on the forward part of said vehicle, so placed as to be seen from the front, and of sufficient illuminating power to be visible at a distance of five hundred feet in the direction in which displayed, and to reveal any persons, vehicle, or substantial object seventy-five feet ahead of the lamps. Such motor vehicle when in use shall also display on the rear a lamp so constructed and placed as to show a red light from the rear and throw a white light directed upon the rear registration marker, and render the numbers thereon visible for at least fifty feet in the direction from which the vehicle is proceeding. Motorcycles, motor bicycles, and motor vehicles equipped with one light as herein provided, shall display on the forward part one white or tinted light other than red, and a red light to the rear, so constructed and placed as

to throw a white light directly upon the registration marker as prescribed in the case of any other motor vehicle, provided that the operator of any motor vehicle may proceed in a cautious and careful manner, in the event of a failure of one or more of his lights to operate, toward his destination, but he shall take the first reasonable opportunity to put his lights in order, otherwise to be deemed guilty of violation of this provision. The provision as to the rear light shall also apply to vehicles which are trailed or towed by motor vehicles. (Sections 5044-5048, Code of 1931)

SECTION 5. It shall be unlawful to use on a vehicle of any kind, including motorcycles, any lighting device of over four candle power, equipped with a reflector, unless the same shall be so designated or arranged that the directly reflected and undiffused beam of such light when measured seventy-five feet or more ahead of the light shall not rise above forty-two inches from the level surface on which the vehicle stands under all conditions of load. Any motor vehicle equipped with a lighting device of a candle power not exceeding thirty-two candle power and equipped with lenses on the approved list of the state motor department on file in the office of the county treasurer shall be conclusively presumed to be lawful. If, in addition to headlights, any vehicle is equipped with any auxiliary light or lights, projecting lights, or devices other than the rear lamp, such auxiliary light or lights shall be subject to all the restrictions of this section, regarding direction of the beam. If a spotlight is used

on a motor vehicle, it shall be unlawful for any person to direct its rays toward the eyes of the driver or occupants of any approaching vehicle, or to the left of the center of the traveled way when meeting another vehicle. No person shall operate a motor vehicle equipped with an electric bulb or other lighting device of a greater capacity than thirty-two candle power, no matter how the same may be shaded, covered, or obscured. (Section 5049-52, Code of 1931)

SECTION 6. It shall be unlawful for any operator of any motor vehicle, car, taxicab, automobile, motor truck, or motorcycle while on the highway, to use any cut-out fitting or other apparatus or device which will allow the exhaust gases from the engine of the motor vehicle to escape into the atmosphere without first passing through a silencer, expansion chamber, or other contrivance suitable and sufficient for reducing as far as may be reasonably practicable the noise which would otherwise be caused by the escape of the said gases, or for any person to drive or to permit to be driven on the highway any motor vehicle at any time with the muffler cut out or not in operation. (Sections 5062-63, Code of 1931)

SECTION 7. It shall be unlawful to stop a motor vehicle on the street unless the right side thereof is next to and parallel with the curb and as near thereto as the conditions of the street will permit, provided that this rule shall not apply in cases of emergency when the stop is made to avoid accidents or to allow pedestrians or vehicles to cross in front of such motor vehicle or when in obedience to the signal of a police officer. (Sections 5056-57, Code of 1931)

SECTION 8. The operator of a motor vehicle, in turning to the right from one street or highway into another, shall turn the corner as near the right side as practicable, and, in turning to the left from one street or highway into another, shall pass to the right of and beyond the center before turning. (Section 5033, Code of 1931)

SECTION 9. Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a suitable bell, horn, or other signalling device producing an abrupt sound sufficiently loud to serve as an adequate warning of danger. No person operating any motor vehicle shall make or cause to be made any unnecessary noise with such bell, horn, or signalling device or use the same except as a warning of danger. No motor vehicle except those used by the police and fire departments or ambulances shall be allowed to use a siren horn as a signalling device. (Sections 5040-41, Code of 1931)

SECTION 10. The following acts are hereby declared to be unlawful:

a. For any person, team, bicycle, or motor vehicle meeting another on any street or sidewalk to refuse or neglect to pass or turn to the right and give half of the street or sidewalk so as to allow an uninterrupted passage of such person or vehicle.

b. For any vehicle or bicycle not to keep on the right hand half of the street in accordance with the direction they are traveling.

c. Refuse, neglect, or fail to obey the signal of any traffic officer or any flagman at any railroad crossing.

~~SECTION 11. Penalties. A violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding~~

SECTION 11. The Mississippi River Scenic Highway known as Front Street and now paved from east to west corporation lines is hereby made an Arterial Highway.

SECTION 12. At all intersecting streets of the Arterial Highway there shall be displayed signs or markers on which shall be printed in regulation letters the words "Arterial Highway. Stop"

SECTION 13. Penalties. A violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred (\$100.00) dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days. Whenever such fine and costs remain unpaid such defendant shall be sent to jail until such fine and costs are paid, not to exceed thirty (30) days. (Section 5089, Code of 1931)

SECTION 14. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 15. This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved

March 22th 1983

John A. Pignity Mayor