

ORDINANCE NUMBER 53

AN ORDINANCE CONTROLLING THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE TOWN OF BUFFALO, IOWA, PROVIDING REGULATIONS & PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND DEFINING ALL DISTRICTS OF SAID TOWN.

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

Sect. 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 follows:

To Wit-

1. In a business district or school district, Twenty (20) miles per hour.

2. In a residential district, twenty five (25) miles per hour.

3. In a Suburban District, Thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

Sect. 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 or thoroughfare when fifty (50) percent or more of the frontage there on 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 or thoroughfare for a distance of two hundred (200) feet in either direction from a school house, and along any highway or thoroughfare used by school children in compliance with their curriculum.

3. "Residential District". The territory contiguous to a highway or thoroughfare not comprising a business district or a school district where forty (40)% of the frontage of such highway or thoroughfare for a distance of three hundred (300) feet or more is occupied by dwellings or by buildings being used for dwellings.

4. "Suburban District". All other parts of the Municipality not included in Business, School, or Residential districts.

Sect. 3. The Mayor shall have placed conspicuously wherever required suitable signs showing the points at which the rate of speed changes.

Section 4. All motor vehicles in use on the streets and 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 (500) feet in the direction at which displayed, and to reveal any person, vehicle, or substantial object seventy five (75) feet ahead of such 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 (50) feet in the direction from which the vehicle is proceeding. Motorcycles, motor bicycles, and motor vehicles equipped with one light as provided herein, shall display on the forward part of said vehicle, one (1) white light or tinted light other than red, and a red light to the rear, so constructed and placed so as to throw a white light on the rear registration marker. Forward lights on the aforementioned vehicles must meet the same requirements as for vehicles requiring two lights. Providing that one or more of the lights on a vehicle aforementioned fails to operate the operator may proceed in a careful and prudent manner toward his destination, but must afford himself of the first opportunity to put his lights in order, otherwise be

Section 4. Cont'd. deemed guilty of violating this provision. The Provision as to the rear light shall also apply to vehicles which are trailed or towed by motor vehicles.

Section 5. It shall be unlawful to use on a vehicle of any kind, including motorcycles, any lighting device other than that approved by the Safety Commissioner of the State of Iowa, equipped with a reflector unless the same shall be so designed and arranged that the directly reflected and undiffused beam of such light when measured seventy-five (75) feet or more ahead of the light shall not rise above forty-two (42) 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 (32) candle power and equipped with lenses on the approved list of the state motor vehicle 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 device other than the rear lamp, such auxiliary light or lights shall be subject to all the restrictions of this section regarding the direction of the beam. If a spotlight is used on a motor vehicle, it shall be unlawful for any person to direct it's rays toward the driver, or occupants of any approaching vehicle, or to the left of the center of the traveled portion of the road 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 that approved by the Safety Commissioner of the State of Iowa, no matter how the same shall be shaded, covered or obscured.

Section 6. It shall be unlawful for the operator of any motor vehicle car, taxicab, automobile, motor truck or motorcycle while on any highway or thoroughfare, to use any cut-out fitting or other apparatus or device which will allow the exhaust fumes or 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 reasonable the said gases, or for any person to drive or permit to be driven on the highway, any motor vehicles at any time with the muffler cut out or not in operation.

Section 7. It shall be unlawful to stop a motor vehicle on the streets unless the right side thereof is next to and parallel with the side of the sidewalk nearest the street, and as near thereto as the conditions of the street permit, however parking of any vehicle shall not be permitted in restricted areas, and where suitable signs are erected noting such restriction and notifying persons thereof. Provided however this rule shall not apply in cases of emergency when a stop is made to avoid an accident 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.

Section 8. The mayor shall cause to be placed in the streets covered by section two of this ordinance, suitable signs bearing the words " Stop School Zone" of a sufficient size to be easily readable at a distance of One Hundred (100) feet by a person using such street, said signs of moveable construction shall be placed in the streets within the school zone one half hour before school opens in the morning and remain so placed until one half hour after school is dismissed in the afternoon. All operators of motor vehicles when approaching said zones when moveable stop signs have been placed shall bring such vehicle to a full stop before proceeding at a cautious and proper speed, however the driver of any authorized emergency vehicle when responding to an emergency call, shall upon approaching such stop sign slow down as much as necessary for safety may proceed past such sign without coming to a complete stop.

Section 9. The operator of a motor vehicle, in turning to the right from one street or highway into another, shall turn the corner as near to the right side as possible, and in turning to the left from one street or

Section 9 cont'd highway into another, shall pass to the right of and beyond the center of the intersection before turning.

Section 10. Every motor vehicle used upon the streets and alleys of the municipality shall be equipped with a suitable horn, bell or other signaling device producing an abrupt sound sufficiently loud to serve as a warning of danger. No person operating any motor vehicle shall make or cause to be made any unnecessary noise with such horn, bell or other signaling device or use the same except as a warning device. No motor vehicle except those used by the police or fire departments shall be allowed to use a siren horn as a signaling device.

Section 11. 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 yield half of the street or sidewalk so as to allow an un-interrupted 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 in which they are travelling.

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

d. Any person who drives a vehicle in such a manner as to indicate willful or a wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property is guilty of reckless driving.

Section 12. U. S. Highway #61, known as Front Street and now paved from the East to the West Corporate Limits is hereby designated as an Arterial Highway.

Section 13. At all intersecting streets of the Arterial Highway there shall be displayed signs or markers on which shall be printed the words "Arterial Highway-Stop" in regulation letters.

Section 14. The following Intersections are hereby designated as Stop streets. The traffic will hereby Stop as listed Below and the Mayor shall have regulation stop signs placed at the proper place at these intersections. To wit:

North and South traffic will stop at the following intersections:

Franklin Street at Third, Hacker Street at Third, Main Street at Third, Clark Street at Third, Dodge Street at Fourth.

East and West traffic will stop at the following intersections:

Hacker Street at Fourth, Jefferson Street at Third, Jefferson Street at Fourth, Washington Street at Third, Washington Street at Fourth, Clark Street at Second.

Section 15. "Slow" signs will be placed at the intersection of Third Street and Jefferson for North and South traffic.

Section 16. A violation of any provision of this ordinance shall result in a fine of not more than One Hundred (\$100) Dollars nor more than Thirty (30) days in jail.

Section 17. A violation of Section 11 Part d. shall be punished by a fine of Not less than Twenty Five (\$25.00) Dollars nor more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars or more than Thirty (30) days in jail.

Section 18. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances that conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 19. This Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after it's passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council Town of Buffalo, Iowa, this 2nd day of October, 1950

Passed by the Mayor of the Town of Buffalo, Iowa, this 2nd day of October, 1950.

Signed Louis M. Adams Jr Mayor

Attest: Lelia M. Pagel, Clerk

I, Lelia M. Pagel, do hereby certify that I published this Ordinance according to law.