

ORDINANCE NUMBER 152

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC UPON AND USE OF THE STREETS OF BUFFALO, IOWA AND PROVIDING PENALTIES.

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

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate traffic upon and use of the streets of Buffalo, Iowa, and to provide for the enforcement of these regulations.

Section 2. Short Title. This ordinance may be known and cited as the "Traffic Code".

Section 3. Words and Phrases. Where words and phrases used in this ordinance are defined by the laws of Iowa, such definitions shall apply to this ordinance.

1. Park or Parking. Means the starting of a vehicle whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or packages.

2. Stand or Standing. Means the halting of a vehicle whether occupied or not, otherwise for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers.

3. Stop. Means complete cessation of movement.

4. Stop or stopping. Means any halting of a vehicle, even momentarily whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer, a traffic control signal, or sign.

5. Business Districts. All references to Business Districts in this ordinance shall be the same as that of Business Districts as set forth in the Town Zoning Ordinance and as set forth on the Town Zoning Map.

6. Residential Districts. All areas of the city not included in business districts.

Section 4. Traffic Accident Studies. Whenever the accidents at any particular location become numerous, the Public Safty Committee shall conduct studies of such accidents and purpose remedial measures.

Section 5. Traffic Accidents Reports. The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident within the limits of the Town shall file a report as and when required by the Iowa Department of Public Safty. A copy of this report shall be filed with the Town Marshal. All reports shall be confidential and subject to the provisions of Section 321.271 Code of Iowa. The Town Marshal shall maintain a suitable system for filing traffic accident reports filed alphabetically.

Section 6. Investigation of Traffic Accidents Reported. The Town Marshal shall investigate all accidents reported. If sufficient evidence of a violation is found, proper action should be taken to punish the violator.

Section 7. The Town Marshal shall submit an annual report. The Town Marshal shall prepare annually a traffic report which shall be filed with the Mayor and presented to the Council at the second regular meeting after the close of the year. Such report shall contain information on the traffic matters concerning the number of traffic accidents, the number of persons killed and injured, the number and nature of violation, and recommendation for future traffic control.

Section 8. Authority of Police and Fire Department Officials. Provisions of this ordinance and the Iowa law relating to motor vehicles and law of the road shall be enforced by the officers of the Police Department. The officers of the Police Department are hereby authorized to direct all traffic by voice, hand, or signal in conformance with traffic laws. In the event of a fire or other emergency, officers of the Police Department may direct traffic as conditions required notwithstanding the provisions of the traffic laws. Officers of the Fire Department when at the scene of a fire may direct or assist the Police in directing traffic thereat or in the immediate vicinity.

Section 9. Required Obediance to provisions of this ordinance and State Law. Any person who shall lawfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order of a Police Officer or direction of a Fire Department Officer during a fire, or who shall fail to abide by the provisions of this ordinance and the applicable provision of the following Iowa Statutory Laws relating to motor vehicles and the Statutory Laws of the Road is in violation of this ordinance. These sections of the code are----

(a) 321.32, 321.174, 321.190, and 321.218 through 321.224--- display of registration and license to drive.

(b) 321.229 through 321.234---obedience to a peace officer and responsibility of public officers, emergency vehicles, and bicycles to obey traffic regulations.

(c) 321.256 through 321.260 :--- traffic signs, signals, and markings.

(d) 321.261 through 321.266 and 321.268--- accidents and accident reporting.

(e) 321.283 through 321.288 and 321.294 through 321.296---reckless driving, drag racing, speed. control of vehicle, and minimum speed.

(f) 321.297 through 321.310---driving on right. meeting, overtaking, following, or towing.

(g) 321.311 through 321.318---turning and starting, signals on turning, and stopping.

(h) 321.319 through 321.324---right of way.

(i) 321.325 through 321.334 and 321.340---pedestrian rights and duties and safety zones.

(j) 321.341 through 321.344---railroad crossings.

(k) 321.353 through 321.360--- stop at sidewalks, stopping, standing, and parking.

(l) 321.362 through 321.371--unattended vehicle. obstructing driver's view, crossing median, following fire apparatus, or crossing fire hose, and putting glass, etc., on streets.

(m) 321.384 through 321.409, 321.415, 321.418 through 321.423. subsection 3--lighting equipment required and time of use. (Under the provisions of section 321.395, motor vehicles parked where permitted by this ordinance need not have parking lamps lighted if the vehicle is within 160 feet of a city street light ahead and to the rear of the vehicle and the permitted speed on said street is 25 miles per hour or less.

(n) 321.430 through 321.443 and 321.447 through 321.450---brakes, horns, and sirens, mufflers, wipers, mirrors, tires, and flares.

(o) 321.452 through 321.463, 321.465 and 321.466---size, weight, and load.

(p) 321.275---operation of motorcycles.

Section 10. Authority to install stop signs, or yield signs, and parking control signs. By passage of this ordinance the following stop signs shall be considered part of this ordinance.

1.

North and South Bound traffic will stop at the following intersections:

Franklin Street at Third Street
Hacker Street at Third Street
Main Street at Third Street
Clark Street at Third Street
Dodge Street at Fourth Street
Second Street at Jefferson Street

Southbound traffic will stop at the following intersections:

Franklin Street at Fifth Street
Hacker Street at Fifth Street
Chestnut Street at Oak Street

East and West traffic will stop at the following intersections:

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

Westbound Traffic will stop at the following intersections:

Walnut Street at Elm Street
Chestnut Street at Elm Street

Eastbound Traffic will yield at the following intersections:

Walnut Street at Maple Street
Chestnut Street at Maple Street
Third Street and Second Street at Dodge Street

Northbound Traffic will yield at the following intersections:

Oak Street at Ash Street
Main Street at Fourth Street

North and Southbound Traffic will yield at the following intersections:

Oak Street at Walnut Street

East and Westbound Traffic will yield at the following intersections:

Second Street at Main Street

2.

It shall be unlawful to stop a motor vehicle on the street 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. Parking of any vehicle shall not be permitted on either side of U.S. Highway No. 22 from Station 188-77.5 (197.5 feet west of the West side of Dodge Street) to Station 273-375-ECL (East corporate limits of the Town of Buffalo). Between Station 188-77.5 and 273-375 ECL parking shall be prohibited on the minor street approaches for a distance of 35 feet in advance of the Stop Sign. Between Stations 188-77.5 and 273-375 ECL parking shall be prohibited on the exit sides of minor streets for a distance of 35 feet back on the right-of-way line. 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 vehicles or when in obedience to the signal of a police officer.

Section 11. 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 that follows:

1. In the 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, Forty-five (45) miles per hour, or
4. Thirty-five (35) miles per hour as posted.

Section 12. A violation of any provision of this ordinance shall result in a fine of not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, nor more than thirty days (30) in jail.

Section 13. Any violation of Section 9 Article E shall be punished by a fine not less than Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars nor more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars nor more than Thirty (30) days in jail.

Section 14. That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances that conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 15. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

Passed by the Council of the Town of Buffalo, Iowa this Sixth day of March, 1972.

Approved by the Mayor of the Town of Buffalo, Iowa this Sixth day of March, 1972.

Attest Lewis M. Adams Jr.
Lewis M. Adams Jr. Clerk
Town of Buffalo, Iowa

Signed Warren C. Moore
Warren C. Moore Mayor
Town of Buffalo, Iowa