

ORDINANCE NO. 212-A

Introduced by Commissioner

C. J. Depue

An Ordinance relating to national defense, providing for black out periods to be proclaimed by the City Manager, rules and regulations therefor, prescribing penalties, and declaring an emergency.

The City of Warrenton does ordain as follows:

Section 1. WHEREAS a state of war exists between the United States, the Japanese Empire, Germany and Italy; and

WHEREAS, this city is so located that there is danger of air raids upon the city or the locality; and

WHEREAS, surrounding communities are all following a program of blacking out in conformance with proclamations of various city officials and towns as well as black outs in various military properties in our community subject to the rules and regulations of the military authorities; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the defense of this country that co-operation should be given in such general programs, and an emergency period should be proclaimed and rules and regulations provided to produce an executive black out with a minimum hazard;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Manager is hereby authorized to proclaim an emergency period in the City of Warrenton at all times that such emergency period shall be deemed by him to be necessary for the purpose of procuring a black out and co-operate with the United States Army, Navy and Air Corps. During such period it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to willfully refuse or neglect to obey any of the following rules and regulations or to willfully refuse or neglect to obey any lawful order of the City Manager or of the regularly or specially appointed officers charged with the enforcement of these rules and regulations.

Any proclamation issued by the City Manager in pursuance of

this order shall be considered of an emergency nature and shall be given such emergency publicity as can immediately be given to it.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR BLACK OUT

WHEN THE BLACK OUT WARNING IS GIVEN

For your own safety and to avoid confusion, stay at home or indoors elsewhere. Wherever you are, individually turn out all lights visible from the outside, but DO NOT turn off main switches.

IF YOU ARE AT HOME, IN A HOTEL ROOM OR

APARTMENT

1. Turn out all external lights.
2. See that no light in your office or the place where you are is visible from the outside.
3. If you can not obscure your windows with dark materials turn off your light but do not use main switch.
4. Managements of hotels and apartment houses are responsible for exterior lighting and must see that they are put out.
5. Listen in on your radio station for happenings in and about your city and community for their instructions.

IF DRIVING YOUR CAR OR MOTOR VEHICLE

1. Immediately pull over to the curb or roadside and turn off your lights and motor.
2. Do not try to drive with your lights out.
3. Do not park in front of a fire exit, fire plug, hospital entrance, driveway, bus stop, safety zone or at street intersections.
4. Do not block the center of the street as fire engines or police cars may have to answer emergency calls.
5. Do not drive onto any bridge, and if on such bridge when the warning signal is given drive off the bridge at once.

IF A PEDESTRIAN

1. Seek immediate shelter and remain there until all clear signal is given.
2. Pedestrians during black out are not permitted on the streets unless issued a special permit so to do.

AIR RAID WARDENS

During black out period air raid wardens acting within the municipal limits of the City of Warrenton are vested with the authority to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance, and any violation thereof committed in their presence shall subject a person committing such

violation to immediate arrest by said air raid warden who in turn shall deliver such offending person to the police authorities of the City of Warrenton.

Section 2. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the rules or regulations prescribed in Section 1 hereof shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding \$100.00 or by imprisonment in the city jail for a period not exceeding 50 days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 3. Inasmuch as this Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace and safety of the City of Warrenton in this: in order that the preparation for said blackout shall be immediately commenced it is therefore hereby DECLARED that an Emergency exists, and that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the City Commissioners of the City of Warrenton, and its approval by the Mayor of the City of Warrenton.

Passed by the City Commissioners of the City of Warrenton this 15th day of December, 1941.

Approved by the Mayor of the City of Warrenton this 15th day of December, 1941.

Attest:

E. Clifford Barlow
Auditor and Police Judge.

M. D. Forth
Mayor