

AN ORDINANCE to regulate street traffic within the City of Warrenton, and declaring an emergency.

THE CITY OF WARRENTON DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

(a) The term "street" shall apply to that part of a public highway intended for vehicles and street cars, and generally known as a roadway.

(b) The term "curb" shall apply to the extreme edge of the street.

(c) The term "horses" shall apply to any driven animal or beast of burden.

(d) The term "vehicle" shall apply to a horse or any conveyance excepting a street car.

(e) The term "motor vehicle" shall apply to all vehicles propelled by any power other than muscular.

(f) The term "emergency vehicle" shall apply to ambulances, fire, police, public service, emergency and United States Mail vehicles while engaged in the emergency business.

(g) The term "street car" shall apply to any conveyance confined to fixed rails.

(h) The term "driver" shall apply to the rider, driver, or leader of a horse, to a person who draws, pushes or propells a vehicle, or to the operator of a motor vehicle or street car.

(i) The term "parked" shall apply to a waiting vehicle and to vehicles drawn up parallel to the curb.

Section 2.

The following regulations for vehicles and street cars shall be observed by the drivers thereof. Pedestrians shall at all times obey traffic directions of the City Marshall or any police officer who may

be stationed on a street for the purpose of regulating street traffic.

Section 3.

(a) A vehicle meeting another shall pass to the right.

(b) A vehicle overtaking another shall pass to the left and not pull over to the right until entirely clear of it.

(c) A vehicle turning into a street at the right shall turn the corner as near the right hand curb as practicable.

(d) A vehicle turning into a street at the left shall pass around the center of the intersection of two streets.

(e) A vehicle shall keep over as near as practicable to the right hand curb so as to leave the center of the street free and open for overtaking traffic, and slower the speed the nearer the curb.

(f) A vehicle shall not make a turn to reverse its direction at any place where traffic will be obstructed, but it shall go around the block or to a street wide or free enough for the purpose.

(g) A vehicle shall not follow another vehicle or street car too closely for safety.

Section 4.

(a) A vehicle shall not stop with its left side to the curb.

(b) A vehicle waiting in front of an entrance to a building shall give way promptly to a vehicle arriving to take up or set down passengers.

(c) A vehicle shall not be parked in front of an entrance to any building or so as to interfere with free access to such entrance, except while loading or unloading.

(d) A vehicle shall not be left on a cross-walk or in such position to prevent another vehicle from moving up close or parallel to the curb in front of an entrance to a building, or so as to prevent another vehicle already stopped near the curb from moving away, or within ten feet of a fire hydrant, United States Mail box, or horse trough.

(e) A vehicle shall not be so parked or otherwise stopped as

to prevent the free passage of other vehicles or street cars in both directions at the same time.

(f) A vehicle shall not stand backed up at any angle to a curb except while loading or unloading, and if horse drawn and with four wheels, the horses shall stand parallel with the curb facing in the direction of traffic.

(g) A vehicle shall not stop in any street except near the curb or so as to obstruct the crossing, unless to allow another vehicle, street car, or pedestrian to cross its path.

(h) No vehicle or other thing shall be allowed to stand or remain in front of the entrance or exit of any theatre during performance, or of the entrance of any fire house, or within fifty feet on either side of a line drawn from the center of the fire house entrance *horizontally* across the street.

Section 5.

A vehicle overtaking a street car stopped to take up or set down passengers, shall exercise due caution not to interfere with or harm them, always coming to a very slow and safe speed, stopping when necessary, and shall not pass on the right of a street car so stopped.

Section 6.

(a) Emergency vehicles shall have the right of way, and fire department vehicles shall have the right of way over all others.

(b) Street cars running on tracks located in the center or on the right hand side of the street, shall have the right of way over all, except emergency vehicles, at street intersections.

(c) A vehicle approaching a street intersection has the right of way over vehicles approaching on its left.

(d) A vehicle on the track in front of a street car shall immediately turn out upon signal.

(e) A vehicle or street car shall not so occupy any street as to obstruct traffic.

(f) A vehicle, on the approach of fire apparatus, shall immediately draw near to and parallel to the curb, and stop and remain

stopped until all Fire Department vehicles shall have passed.

(g) A street car, on the approach of fire apparatus, shall stop so as not to interfere with its passage.

Section 7.

(a)

The driver of any vehicle about to turn, either from a stand still or while in motion, or about to stop, shall give timely signal in an unmistakable manner, plainly visible to the rear, indicating the direction of the turn or intention to stop. Such signal shall be by the hand or arm, or by the use of an electrical or mechanical device.

(b) The driver of a vehicle before backing shall give ample warning and avoid injury to other vehicles, street cars, or pedestrians.

(c) A vehicle shall be equipped with lights and sound signals as prescribed by law.

(d) A vehicle headlight shall be so controlled that it will not blind, dazzle or confuse other users of the streets, or make it difficult or unsafe for them to ride, drive or walk thereon.

Section 8.

(a) Vehicles and street cars, including emergency vehicles, shall be driven with great caution, and their speed shall be reasonable, having regard for the traffic, the safety of the public and the use of the street.

(b) The following rates of speed shall not be exceeded:

For emergency vehicles, while engaged in emergency work in any part of the city - thirty miles.

For motor vehicles, the speed shall be twenty miles in the following district: Commencing at the intersection of Wheeler Street and Albany Avenue on the east; thence running along Albany Avenue to and across the Skipanon River; thence following the County Road to Main Street; thence along the County Road on Main Street to the

south end of Main Street where the same intersects the County Road running east and west; thence along the County Road to the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and McGuire Street; thence commencing at the railroad crossing near the Skipanon River and along and upon Market Street to the County Road known as the Flavel-Hammond and Fort Stevens Road to the intersection of Date Street and Madison Avenue, the same being from First Street to the railroad crossing running in to the Clay Plant.

The speed limit for vehicles passing a public school on school days between 8 A.M. and 4<sup>30</sup> P.M. shall be ten miles per hour.

And in all other parts of the City the speed limit shall be thirty miles per hour. *Except on the Skipanon River Bridge, the Well Slough bridge and the Alder Creek bridge where the speed limit shall not exceed ten miles per hour.*  
Section 9.

(a) A horse shall not be unbridled or left unattended in a street or uninclosed space without being securely fastened, unless harnessed to a vehicle with wheels so secured as to prevent its being dragged faster than a walk.

(b) A driver shall hold the reins in his hands at all times while driving, riding or leading a horse.

(c) No one shall over-load, over-drive, over-ride, ill-treat or unnecessarily whip any horse.

(d) No one shall crack or use a whip<sup>10</sup> as to excite any horse other than that which he is using, or so as to annoy, interfere with or endanger any person.

(e) No one shall use a horse unless fit for its work, free from lameness or sores likely to cause pain, and free from any vice or disease likely to cause accident, injury or infection.

Section 10.

(a) A vehicle without a driver shall be so secured that it cannot be moved without human action.

(b) A vehicle shall not be used which is so constructed, enclosed, equipped or loaded as to be dangerous, retard traffic, or prevent the driver from having a view sufficient for safety.

(c) A motor vehicle shall be equipped with resilient tires so constructed and in such condition as to prevent injury to pavements.

(d) No one shall enter, ride upon, or attach himself or his vehicle to any vehicle or street car without the driver's consent.

(e) No one riding a bicycle or motor-cycle shall hold on to a street car or motor vehicle.

(f) No motor vehicle shall be operated with offensive exhaust or with other than Fire Depart. muffler open.

(g) No vehicle shall be driven along a sidewalk.

(h) Vehicles shall not spill their loads.

#### Section 11.

Drivers must exercise all possible care not to injure pedestrians.

#### Section 12.

The driver or person in charge of a vehicle when any offense under this ordinance is committed shall be deemed the responsible person and liable to the penalties hereunder.

#### Section 13.

The statutes of the State of Oregon, concerning street traffic, are made a part of this ordinance.

#### Section 14.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or by imprisonment in the City jail for a period of not exceeding ninety (90) days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

#### Section 15.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby modified or repealed, as the case may be.

#### Section 16.

Inasmuch as the objects to be obtained by this ordinance will be of great benefit to the people of the City of Warrenton and there exists and is an urgent necessity that this ordinance should take

effect as soon as possible, so that the health, peace and safety of the people of the City of Warrenton may be preserved, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this section, therefore, shall take effect when approved by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Common Council, and this ordinance shall then be in full force and operative immediately after its approval by the Mayor of the City of Warrenton.

Passed the Common Council this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1920.

Submitted to the Mayor this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1920.

Approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1920.

J. M. Wilson  
Mayor.

Attest:

John Evenden  
Auditor and Police Judge.