

TITLE AND PURPOSE AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC BY THE TOWN OF LA JARA, COLORADO; ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 1995 EDITION OF THE "MODEL TRAFFIC CODE FOR COLORADO MUNICIPALITIES;" REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF LA JARA:

Section 1. Adoption. Pursuant to parts 1 and 2 of article 16 of title 31, C.R.S., as amended, there is hereby adopted by reference Articles I and II, inclusive of the 1995 edition of the "Model Traffic Code for Colorado Municipalities," promulgated and published as such by the Colorado Department of Transportation, Staff Traffic and Safety Projects Branch, 4201 East Arkansas Ave., Denver CO 80222. The subject matter of the Model Traffic Code relates primarily to comprehensive traffic control regulations for the Town. The purpose of this Ordinance and the Code adopted herein is to provide a system of traffic regulations consistent with state law and generally conforming to similar regulation throughout the state and the nation. Three (3) copies of the Model Traffic Code adopted herein are now filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Town of La Jara, Colorado, and may be inspected during regular business hours.

Section 2. Deletions. The 1995 edition of the Model Traffic Code is adopted as if set out at length save and except the following articles and/or section which are declared to be inapplicable to this municipality and are therefore expressly deleted:

NONE

Section 3. Additions or Modifications. The said adopted Code is subject to the following additions or modifications:

NONE

Section 4. Penalties. The following penalties, herewith set forth in full, shall apply to this ordinance:

- (a) It is unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions adopted in this ordinance.
(b) Every person convicted of a violation of any provision adopted in this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (U.S.\$300.00), or by imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 5. Application. This ordinance shall apply to every street, alley, sidewalk area, driveway, park, and to every other public way or public place or public parking area, either within or outside the corporate limits of this municipality, the use of which this municipality has jurisdiction and authority to regulate. The provisions of sections 1401, 1402, 1413, and part 16 of the adopted Model Traffic Code, respectively concerning reckless driving, careless driving, eluding a police officer, and accidents and accident reports shall apply not only to public places and ways, but also throughout this municipality.

Section 6. Validity. If any part or parts of this ordinance are for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Trustees of the Town of La Jara hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each part or parts thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts be declared invalid.

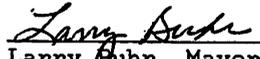
Section 7. Repeal. Existing or parts of ordinances, including, but not limited to, Ordinance No. 1982-2 adopted November 10, 1982, covering the same matters as embraced in this ordinance are hereby repealed and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, except that this repeal such not affect or prevent the prosecution or punishment of any person for any act done or committed in violation of any ordinance hereby repealed prior to the taking effect of this ordinance.

Section 8. Interpretation. This ordinance shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to conform with the State's uniform system for the regulation of vehicles and traffic. Article and section headings of the ordinance and adopted Model Traffic Code shall not be deemed to govern, limit, modify or in any manner affect the scope, meaning or extent of the provisions of any article or section thereof.

Section 9. Certification. The Town Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and make not less then three (3) copies of the adopted Code available for inspection by the public during regular business hours.

Section 10. Effective Date. The Board of Trustees of the Town of La Jara finds and declares that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and shall, therefore, take effect immediately upon the mayor's approval and publication as otherwise provided by law.

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED AND PASSED BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF NOT LESS THAN THREE-FOURTH OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF LA JARA AND AFTER PUBLIC HEARING THIS 13TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1998.



Larry Guhr, Mayor

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Attest:



J. Hutchins
La Jara Town Clerk

Date of Publication: _____