

ORDINANCE NO. 64.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO AUTOMOBILES,
MOTORCYCLES, AND TO VEHICLES OF ALL KINDS,
AND TO TRAFFIC RULES OF THE ROAD.

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

Section 1. DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this ordinance the following are defined: (1) a "street" or "highway" shall be any public way for vehicles; (2) a "vehicle" shall include every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a street or highway, except devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks; (3) "Motor vehicle" shall include every vehicle which is self-propelled; (4) an "operator" or "driver" shall include every person who is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle upon a street or highway.

Section 2. No person shall drive a vehicle on any street or highway within the corporate limits of the Town of La Jara at a greater speed than twenty-five miles per hour, and no vehicle shall turn any corner, not designated a stop street, in any part of the corporate limits at a rate of speed exceeding eight miles per hour.

Section 3. Every vehicle stopped or parked upon the main street or on Walnut Street, between Main Street and Third Street, in the Town of La Jara, shall stop or park in such manner that said vehicle shall rest at the side of the street at an angle of forty-five degrees with the street line or side-walk.

Section 4. No truck larger than such vehicles as are commonly known as "Pick-ups" shall be permitted to stop or park on the Main Street of the Town of La Jara between Broadway Street and Poplar street, except that trucks may be permitted to stop or park a reasonable time for the purpose of loading, unloading, or delivering merchandise or any other commodity, or thing.

Section 5. (a) No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer, in any of the following places: (1) On a sidewalk; (2) In front of a public or private driveway; (3) Within an intersection; (4) Within 5 feet of a fire hydrant; (5) On a cross-walk; (6) Within 15 feet of a cross-walk at an intersection; (7) Within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad; (8) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic; (9) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street or highway; (10) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure; (11) At any place where official signs prohibit stopping.

(b) No person shall move a vehicle not owned by such person into any such prohibited area or away from a curb such distance as is unlawful.

Section 6. No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition and removing the key.

Section 7. All vehicles, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, shall keep to the right of the middle of the road, and slow moving vehicles shall keep as near as practicable to the right hand curb or edge of the street, and vehicles shall not continue to travel two abreast.

Section 8. The driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance and shall not again drive to the right side of the roadway until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle, and the driver of an overtaken vehicle shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle on audible signal and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

Section 9. No vehicle shall be driven to the left side of the center of the roadway in overtaking and passing another

vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless such left side is clearly visible and is free of on-coming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit such overtaking and passing to be completely made without interfering with the safe operation of any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction or any vehicle overtaken.

Section 10. The driver of a vehicle intending to turn at an intersection shall do so as follows: (a) both the approach for a right turn and a left turn shall be made as close as practical to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway. (b) Approach for a left turn shall be made in that portion of the right half of the roadway nearest the center-line thereof and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection to the right of the center-line of the roadway being entered.

Section 11. (a) No person shall turn a vehicle from a direct course upon a street or highway unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety and then only after giving a clearly audible signal by sounding the horn if any pedestrian may be affected by such movement or after giving an appropriate signal in the manner hereinafter provided in the event any other vehicle may be affected by such movement.

(b) A signal of intention to turn right or left shall be given continuously during not less than the last 100 feet traveled by the vehicle before turning, regardless of weather.

(c) No person shall stop or suddenly decrease the speed of a vehicle without first giving an appropriate signal in the manner provided herein to the driver of any vehicle immediately to the rear, and the signals herein required shall be given by means of the hand and arm or by signal lamp or signal device of a type approved by the State Motor Vehicle Department, but when a vehicle is so constructed or loaded that a hand and arm signal would not be visible both to the front and rear of such vehicle then said signals must be given by such lamp and device.

Section 12. All signals herein required to be given by hand and arm shall be given from the left side of the vehicle in the following manner and such signals shall indicate as follows: (1) Left turn--Hand and arm extended horizontally; (2) Right turn--Hand and arm extended upward; (3) Stop or decrease of speed--Hand and arm extended downward.

Section 13. (a) The driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection shall yield the right of way to a vehicle which has entered the intersection from a different street or highway. (b) When two vehicles enter an intersection from different streets or highways at the same time the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right of way to the vehicle on the right. (c) The foregoing rules (a) and (b) are modified at through highways or otherwise as hereinafter stated.

Section 14. The driver of a vehicle within an intersection intending to turn to the left shall yield the right of way to any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction which is within the intersection or so close thereto as to constitute an immediate hazard, but said driver, having so yielded and having given a signal when and as required by this ordinance, may make such left turn and the drivers of all other vehicles approaching the intersection from said opposite direction shall yield the right of way to the vehicle making the left turn.

Section 15. The driver of a vehicle shall stop and shall yield the right of way to other vehicles which have entered the intersection from the through State Highway No. 136 and U.S. Highway No. 285, or which are approaching so closely on said through street as to constitute an immediate hazard, but said driver having so yielded may proceed and the drivers of all other vehicles approaching the intersection on said through street shall yield the right of way to the vehicle so proceeding into or across the through street.

Section 16. The driver of a vehicle about to enter a street from a driveway shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on such street.

Section 17. The driver of a vehicle within the business or residence district emerging from an alley, driveway, or building shall stop such vehicle immediately prior to driving onto a sidewalk or into the sidewalk area extending across any alley-way or private driveway.

Section 18. No U-turns shall be made by any vehicle at any point on Main Street between Boradway and Poplar streets, or between ~~Main~~ Street and Third Street, except at intersections.

Section 19 (a) The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to a pedestrian crossing the street within any marked or unmarked cross-walk at an intersection, and every pedestrian crossing the street at any point other than within a marked or unmarked cross-walk at an intersection shall yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the street.

(b) Notwithstanding the provision of part (a) of this section, every driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian upon any street and shall give warning by sounding the horn when necessary and shall exercise proper precaution upon observing any child or any confused or incapacitated person upon a street.

Section 20. It shall be unlawful for any person who is an habitual user of narcotics or any person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs to drive any vehicle within the Town of La Jara, and every such person convicted of a violation of this section shall be fined not to exceed \$300.00, and revocation of operator's or chauffeur's license, as now provided by law.

Section 21. Any person who shall drive a vehicle within the Town of La Jara in such a manner as to indicate either a wilful or a wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property

shall be guilty of reckless driving, and every such person convicted of a violation of this section shall be fined not to exceed \$300.00.

Section 22. The Police Magistrate shall report every conviction under said Sections 20 and 21, and all other reports required by law, to the Motor Vehicle Department of the State of Colorado.

Report of Section 23. The driver of any vehicle directly involved in an accident resulting only in damage to a vehicle which is driven or attended by any person shall immediately stop such vehicle at the scene of such accident or as close as possible thereto and shall forthwith return to and in every event shall remain at the scene of such accident until such driver shall have given his name, address and the registration number of the vehicle he is driving and shall upon request exhibit his operator's or chauffeur's license to the driver or occupant of or person attending any vehicle collided with, and every driver of any vehicle which collides with any vehicle which is unattended shall immediately locate and shall notify the operator or owner of such vehicle of the name and address of the driver and owner of the vehicle striking the unattended vehicle or shall leave securely attached in a conspicuous place in the vehicle struck, a written notice giving the name and address of the driver and of the owner of the vehicle doing the striking and a statement of the circumstances thereof.

Report of Section 24. The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting only in damage to fixtures upon or adjacent to a street shall locate and notify the owner or person in charge of such property of such fact and of his name and address and registration number of the vehicle he is driving, and upon request exhibit his operator's or chauffeur's license.

Report of Section 25. Every driver of a vehicle involved in an accident as referred to in sections 23 and 24 shall, within 24 hours after such accident, report said accident to the Police Department of the Town of La Jara, and every person in charge of

any garage or repair shop, to which is brought any motor vehicle which shows evidence of having been involved in an accident or struck by any bullet, shall within 24 hours after such motor vehicle is received, report to the Police Department, giving all discernible information.

Section 26. Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a muffler in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noises and annoying smoke, and no person shall use a muffler cut-out, by-pass or similar device upon a motor vehicle on a street.

Section 27. No unauthorized person shall interfere with or molest any vehicle; provided, however, that for the purpose of driving a vehicle from its parking place, a driver may move another vehicle obstructing a clear passage from its parking place a sufficient distance to enable said driver to move his vehicle.

Section 28. Any person whether on a bicycle, ^{or sled,} or otherwise who shall hang on a moving vehicle, with or without the consent or knowledge of the driver, does so at his own risk.

Section 29. Pedestrians shall have the right to cross the streets in safety and all drivers of vehicles shall exercise proper care not to injure pedestrians, but pedestrians when crossing a street shall not carelessly or maliciously interfere with the passage of vehicles, and pedestrians crossing the street other than at intersections, do so at their own risk.

Section 30. Fire vehicles shall have the full right of way over all other vehicles. Upon the approach of any fire apparatus, all other vehicles shall draw up as near as practicable to the right curb of the street, and remain at a standstill until the said fire apparatus shall have passed, and no vehicle shall be permitted to pass over any fire-hose that may be placed across a roadway during a fire.

Section 31. Every person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance for which another penalty is not provided shall for the first conviction thereof be fined not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$100.00; for a second conviction within one year thereafter such person shall be fined not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$200.00; upon a third or subsequent conviction such person shall be fined not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$300.00.

Section 32. All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof, heretofore adopted, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 33. This ordinance shall be in effect after five days from the date of publication thereof, as now provided by law.

Introduced, read and passed, approved and adopted this 19th day of August, A.D. 1947.

E. J. Murphy
Mayor.

ATTEST
Victor Kasper
Clerk