

ORDINANCE NO. 275

An Ordinance regulating the use of and traffic upon the public streets and highways of the City of Las Animas, providing penalties for violations, and repealing all other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

Be it Ordained by the Council of the City of Las Animas:

SECTION I. Definitions . Unless otherwise expressly stated whenever used in this ordinance, the following terms shall respectively be deemed to mean:

- (a) Street. That portion of the public highway intended for vehicles, including any thoroughfare, roadway, tunnel, lane, alley or bridge.
- (b) Vehicle. Every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway, except devised moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.
- (c) Motor Vehicle. Every vehicle, as herein defined, which is self propelled.
- (d) Operator. Any person who is in actual physical control of a vehicle.
- (e) Stop Street. Any street or thoroughfare that cannot legally be entered by vehicles without first coming to a full stop.
- (f) Curb. The boundary of a street.
- (g) Street Intersection. Any street which joins another at an angle, whether it crosses the street or not.
- (h) Parking. The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, upon a roadway, otherwise than temporarily, for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading, or in obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs or signals.

SECTION 2. LIGHTS--MOVING VEHICLES. During the period between one half an hour after sunset and one half hour before sunrise, and at all other times and places when and where there is insufficient light clearly to reveal all persons 500 feet distant, all moving motor vehicles shall display one red light visible 300 feet and visible only from the rear, and two white side or head lights visible 300 feet ahead, except that moving animal drawn vehicles, motorcycles and bicycles shall display only one headlight, and shall display one red light at the rear. All headlights shall be of white or amber light, or intermediate shades, Vehicles lighted with headlights shall have the right of way at crossings over vehicles not displaying headlights. All motor vehicles shall be equipped with dimmers. Search, spot or bright headlights shall be turned off upon the approach of another vehicle and shall not be turned on until the approaching vehicle is passed, provided, however, that it shall not be necessary to turn off search or spot lights, if they are so directed as to prevent their direct light from falling upon the left three-quarters of the street, and at a distance greater than 30 feet in front of the vehicle to which attached. Motor vehicle headlights shall produce sufficient light to reveal persons 150 feet ahead, and shall be permanently adjusted and equipped in such manner as will eliminate all glare.

SECTION 3. LIGHTS --PROJECTING MATERIALS. All vehicles loaded with materials projecting from the rear shall carry a red signal light at the extreme

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rear point of such projecting materials; provided, that any and all oil and gasoline wagons, and vehicles used for transporting oil and gasoline within the city, shall not be provided to carry such rear lights; all vehicles shall be provided with reflector type of red tail light as provided by Ch. 122, Section 121 (d), Session Laws of Colorado, 1931.

SECTION 4. WARNING SIGNALS. Every motor vehicle shall be provided with at least one adequate horn or bell, in working condition.

SECTION 5. Brakes. Every motor vehicle shall be provided with at least two adequate brakes, each of which works independently of the other, except motorcycles, which shall be provided with not less than one adequate brake.

Section 6. Accidents. In case of accident to, or collision with, a person or property upon any street due to the driving or operation thereon of any vehicle, the operator of such vehicle shall stop and give such assistance as he can, and shall give his name and address to the person injured, or to any other person requesting the same, and shall also report said accident to the police department immediately.

SECTION 7. SPEED. Every person operating a vehicle on the streets shall drive the same in a careful and prudent manner, at a rate of speed no greater than is reasonable and safe, having regard for the width, grade, curves, corners, traffic and use of the streets and all other attendant circumstances, so as not to endanger the life or limb or property of any person. In any event, vehicles shall not be driven at a greater speed than twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

SECTION 8. Intoxication. No person, while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, shall drive any kind of a conveyance on the streets.

SECTION 9. Right-of-Way -- City Department. Vehicles of the Police Department, Fire Department and Health Department when on emergency calls, shall have the right-of-way on any street and through any procession. On the approach of any Police, Fire or Health apparatus, responding to a call and sounding the alarm, the operator of any vehicle shall immediately drive close to the right hand curb and stop.

SECTION 10. Right-of-Way--Intersection. Of two or more vehicles approaching an intersection, the one approaching from the right shall have the right-of-way.

SECTION 11. Moving Vehicles. Vehicles shall be driven in single file, except when passing another and operators shall keep to the right of the street. Slow moving vehicles shall be driven as close as possible to the right hand curb so as to permit faster driven vehicles to pass.

SECTION 12. Meeting and Passing. Vehicles meeting shall pass to the right.

SECTION 13. Signal,--Turning to Right. Any vehicle turning into another street to the right shall turn the corner as near the righthand curb as practicable. Before making such turn, the chauffeur or operator shall signal to others his intention to make such turn, by raising his left hand above his shoulder, the hand being extended out of the vehicle.

SECTION 14. Signal--Turning to Left. Any Vehicle turning into a street to the left shall pass to the right of and beyond the center of the street intersection before turning. Before making such turn, the chauffeur or operator shall signal to others his intention to make such turn by extending his left hand horizontally at right angles to the vehicle, the hand extending outside of the vehicle.

Section 15. Signal--Turning Around. A chauffeur or operator wishing to turn and proceed

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in the opposite direction to which he shall be going shall pass to the right of and beyond the center of the street intersection before turning. Before making such turn, the chauffeur or operator shall signal to others his intention to make such turn by extending his left hand horizontally outside of the vehicle, and keeping same so extended until the turn has been completed; no complete or horseshoe turns shall be made at the following intersections; The intersection of Bent Avenue and Sixth Street, the intersection of Bent Avenue and Fifth Street, the intersection of Carson Avenue and Fifth Street, the intersection of Carson Avenue and Sixth Street, and no complete or horseshoe turns or left turns shall be made except at Street intersections.

SECTION 16 Stopping. Before decreasing speed or stopping, chauffeurs or operators shall warn those following them of their intention so to do by extending the left hand outside of the vehicle and downward below the horizontal.

SECTION 17. Signal Turning. Any chauffeur or operator, before turning, stopping, backing or leaving the curb shall make sure that such movement can be executed in safety.

SECTION 18. Parking. On Sixth Street, between Bent Avenue and a point 150 feet west of Carson Avenue, on Bent Avenue, between Sixth Street, and Fifth Street, on Fifth Street, between Carson and Bent Avenues, on Carson Avenue between Fifth and Sixth Streets, cars shall be parked at an angle to the curb, such angle being designated by lines drawn on the street at the direction of the Commissioner of Streets. On all other streets cars shall be parked parallel to and within 18 inches of curb. No trucks shall be parked except for the purpose of loading and unloading on the following streets: Bent Avenue, between Fifth and Sixth Streets, and Sixth Street between Bent Avenue and a point 150 feet west of Carson Avenue.

Parking Trucks

SECTION 19. Hitching On. No person shall hitch onto or climb upon any vehicle which is in motion, nor shall any person ride on the running board, hood, spare tire, tire rack, or doors of any motor vehicle.

SECTION 20. Litter. No person shall throw, place or deposit in or upon any public street, alley or roadway, any nails, tacks, glass, crockery, scrap-iron, tin, wire, bottles, thorns or clippings of any other article or thing of any nature whatsoever.

Section 21. Parades and Assemblages. The streets must not be used by anyone for any parade, procession or street assemblage without a permit from the Commissioner of Streets.

SECTION 22. Traffic Officers. All vehicles and pedestrians shall stop immediately upon request or upon the signal from a police officer; such signal to be made by the officer raising his hand, using a semaphore, blowing a whistle or signaling in some other intelligent manner. In case of emergency Provisions of this ordinance may be superceded by orders of members of the Police Department in charge of traffic and the discretion of the policeman on duty at the particular point where such emergency may arise shall be exercised

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so as to prevent accident, a blockade, or any impending of traffic. When traffic officers are on duty all traffic shall move under and in compliance with the direction of such officers.

SECTION 23. Funeral Processions. No vehicle shall be driven through a funeral procession except Police, Fire or Health Department vehicles, United States Mail and ambulances when on duty.

SECTION 24. "School Zone". "School Zone" signs are placed on either side of and about 100 feet from school buildings as a warning to operators to use exceeding care for the protection of children crossing the street.

SECTION 25. Offenses. It shall be unlawful for any person not the owner or operator thereof, to tamper, meddle or interfere with any vehicle, or to start or attempt to start the machinery or animal thereof, while the same is standing still, or to puncture or otherwise mutilate the tires, or to scratch, mark or otherwise deface the body or the apparatus thereof, or to take or remove from said vehicle any part or portion of the machinery, equipment or other portion thereof, or to throw, cast or hurl any stone, rock, snowball, glass or other missile at any vehicle or the occupants thereof. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove or to tamper, meddle or interfere with any traffic sign or painted, drawn or established line, constructed or maintained under the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 26. Stop--Intersection. The Commissioner of Streets is hereby authorized to establish such exceptions to the law of right of way, as provided in this ordinance, at such intersections as he may deem necessary for the public safety or convenience. Such exceptions established by the Commissioner of Streets shall be indicated by stop signs erected at or near the property line of the stop or through street, such signs to bear the word "Stop" and to be located in such position and to be provided with letters of a size to be clearly legible at a distance of at least 100 feet along the street intersecting the stop street. All such signs shall be so placed as to be illuminated by the headlights of an approaching vehicle, or by street lights. All traffic before entering or crossing any intersection excepted from the rule of the right of way by the Commissioner of streets shall come to a complete stop before entering or crossing such intersection by coming to a complete stop at points where "stop" signs shall be erected.- or at the lines painted, drawn or established on the paving:

SECTION 27. Declaration. Should the courts of this State or of the United States declare any section, provision, paragraph, clause, sentence, phrase or part thereof, of this ordinance, invalid or unconstitutional, or in conflict with any other section, provision, paragraph, clause, sentence, phrase or part thereof, of this ordinance, then such decision shall affect only the section, provision, paragraph, clause, sentence, phrase or part thereof, declared to be unconstitutional or unauthorized and shall not affect any other part whatsoever of this ordinance. The Council of the City of Las Animas hereby declares that it should have passed this ordinance and each section, provision, paragraph clause, sentence or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the other sections, provisions, paragraphs, clauses, sentences, or phrases or parts thereof, be declared invalid, or unconstitutional.

SECTION 28. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall upon

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conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not more than \$300.00, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 29. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

Introduced and read this Third day of October, A. D. 1932.

Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the City Council of Las Animas, Colorado, November 7th, A.D. 1932

Attest:

Carl M. Halvarson

Sterling A. Day
Mayor

City Clerk.

State of Colorado)
County of Bent) SS

I, Carl M. Halvarson, City Clerk in and for the City of Las Animas, Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 275 was read at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Las Animas, Colorado, and published in the Bent County Democrat, a weekly newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Las Animas, Colorado, for ten days before its passage and published once after its passage and approval in said Bent County Democrat.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Las Animas, Colorado, this 15 day of November

A. D. 1932

Carl M. Halvarson

City Clerk.

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