

The following proposed ordinance was read:

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AN ORDINANCE to be known as the "Blackout Ordinance"; providing for the Mayor to promulgate and carry out precautionary measures against air-raids necessary for conduct of persons and to protect life and property; Mayor empowered to make, amend or rescind such general orders, rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary not inconsistent with orders, rules or regulations of Army or Office of Civilian Defense; Mayor authorized to delegate authority in writing; authorizing law-enforcing authorities to enforce orders, rules and regulations of the Act; authorizing Mayor to appoint in writing duly certified air-raid wardens, fire-watchers, auxiliary personnel and other civilian defense workers and to remove them providing that neither city, nor its agents or representatives, in good faith complying with orders, rules or regulations, shall be liable for injury or death to persons or damage to property, the foregoing not to affect right of person to receive benefits or compensation to which he is entitled; providing for fine or imprisonment upon conviction; providing for publication; providing for term of Ordinance.

BE IT ENACTED By the City Council of the City of Las Animas, Colorado:

Section 1. Blackouts and other Precautionary Measures
(a) In order to protect life and property in this City, the Mayor is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to promulgate and carry out throughout this city precautionary measures against air raids and other forms of attack, such measures to include practice blackouts and blackouts, radio silences, and other such measures as will effect and the discontinuance of any activity which may assist an enemy in accomplishing his objective,

and precautionary measures to minimize the loss of life or property which might result from such attacks, and precautionary measures which may be necessary for the conduct of persons during practice blackouts and blackouts, and to make, amend, or rescind such general orders, rules, and regulations as may be deemed necessary in connection therewith, not inconsistent with any order, rule, or regulation of the Army of the United States or of the Director of Civilian Defense.

(b) The Mayor is authorized to delegate in writing to such agencies or persons as he may designate or appoint for such purpose, the authority granted by this Ordinance.

(c) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing provisions, the orders, rules, and regulations heretofore authorized may include provisions for uniform air raid signals, the control of traffic movements of emergency or other vehicles, evacuation of residents, conduct of persons during practice blackouts and blackouts, lighting of streets, buildings, and vehicles, and noises of all kinds.

(d) The law-enforcing authorities of the City are authorized and directed to enforce the orders, rules, and regulations made or issued pursuant to this Act.

Section 2. Appointment of Air Raid Wardens and others

The Mayor, or such agencies or persons as he may designate or appoint in writing for such purpose, is hereby authorized to appoint in writing duly certified air raid wardens, fire watchers, auxiliary personnel, and other civilian defense workers, and to remove them from office for cause.

Section 3. Immunity from Liability

Neither the City nor the agents or representatives thereof, in good faith carrying out, complying with, or attempting to comply with, any order, rule, or regulation promulgated pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance shall be liable for any injury or death to any persons or damage to any property as the result of any such activity. The foregoing shall not affect the right of any person to receive benefits or compensation to which he might otherwise be entitled under the Workmen's Compensation Law or any pension law or any Act of Congress.

Section 4. Penalties

Any person violating any order, rule, or regulation promulgated pursuant to this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by fine not exceeding \$300.00 or imprisonment (for) (not) exceeding ninety (90) days.

Section 5. Effective Date and Termination

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately and shall terminate at the expiration of six (6) months after termination of the war.

J. H. Vandiver
Mayor