

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC ON STREETS, ALLEYS, HIGHWAYS, AND BRIDGES OF THE CITY OF POLSON, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS THEREOF, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 86 OF THE CITY OF POLSON.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POLSON, MONTANA.

Section 1

D e f i n i t i o n s

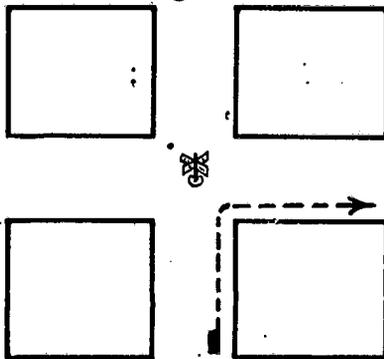
- A. - The term Street shall apply to that part of a public highway intended for vehicles, INCLUDING ALLEYS, unless otherwise indicated.
- B.- The term Curb shall apply to the boundaries of a street.
- C. - The term Vehicle shall apply to a horse, automobile, motorcycle and to any conveyance except a baby carriage.
- E* - The term Driver shall apply to rider, driver or leader of a horse; to a person who pushes, draws, propels, operates or who is in charge of a vehicle.
- D* - The term Horse shall apply to any draft animal or beast of burden.
- F. - The term Parked shall apply to a waiting vehicle or to waiting vehicles drawn up alongside of one another, not parallel with the curb, except in the Residence District, where vehicles may be parked parallel to the curb.
- G. - The term Business District shall apply to those streets or portions of streets fronted by such building or buildings as are used for private or public business of any kind or description and not used solely for residence purposes.

Section 2

Passing, Turning, Keeping to the Right and Following.

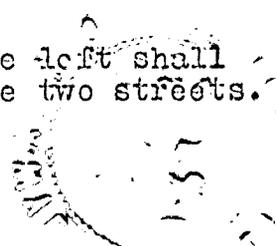
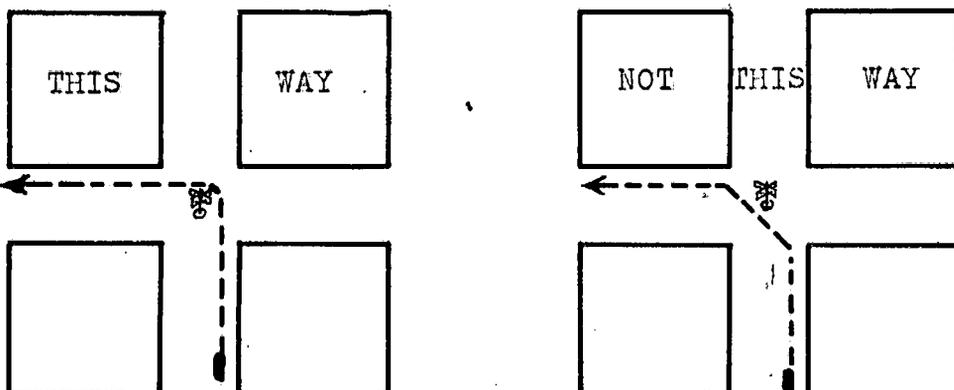
- A. - a vehicle meeting another shall pass to the right.
- B. - A vehicle overtaking another shall pass to the left and not pull over to the right until entirely clear of it.
- C. - A vehicle turning into a street to the right shall turn the corner as near the right curb as practicable.

Thus: -



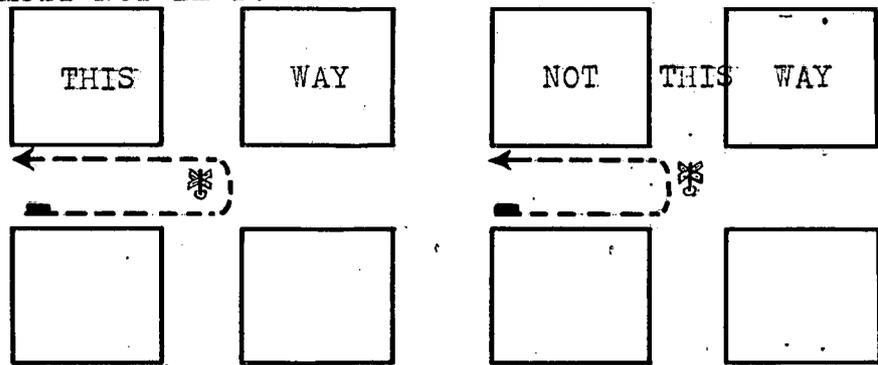
- D. - A vehicle turning into another street to the left shall pass around the point of intersection of the two streets.

Thus: -



- E. - A vehicle turning from one side of a street to the other shall do so by making the turn at the intersection of two streets, and when doing so shall pass around the point of intersection and head the same direction as the traffic on that side of the street. THIS MUST NOT BE DONE AT THE INTERSECTION OF AN ALLEY AND A STREET.

Thus: -



- F. - A vehicle shall keep over as near as practicable to the right hand curb, so as to leave the center of the street clear for overtaking traffic - the slower the speed of the vehicle the nearer the curb it shall travel.
- G. - A vehicle on a street divided longitudinally by a parking walk, viaduct, or path shall keep to the right of such division.
- H. - A vehicle shall not follow another too closely for safety.
- I. - A vehicle shall not back up or down a street except insofar as it is necessary in getting away from the curb where it has been standing or parked.

Section 3

Stopping, Standing, Parking.

- A. - A vehicle shall not stop with its left side to the curb.
- B. - A vehicle shall not be so parked or otherwise stopped as to prevent free passage of other vehicles in both directions at the same time.
- D. - A vehicle shall not stop in any street except near the curb, nor so as to obstruct a crossing unless to allow another vehicle or pedestrian to cross its path. When stopped near a curb both right wheels must be as near the curb as possible, except while actually loading or unloading, when it may be backed into the curb. If horse drawn and with four wheels the horses shall stand parallel with the curb, faced in the direction traffic is moving.
- D. - No vehicle shall be left standing or parked, except while actually being loaded or unloaded, or while taking on or discharging passengers, upon any street along the curb thereof in the Business District.
- E. - A vehicle when parked at the curb in the business district must not be headed at right angles to the curb, but headed at an angle of about 30 degrees with one front wheel touching the curb. Outside of the business district vehicles may be parked parallel to the curb.
- F. - No vehicle shall be parked or left standing within twenty feet of a fire hydrant.
- G. - No vehicle shall be parked or left standing within 25 feet of a corner of any block in the business district. The 25 feet to be measured from the intersecting curb line.

Section 4

Right of Way

- A. - Emergency vehicles shall have the right-of-way over vehicles as heretofore defined. Fire vehicles shall have the right-of-way over all.
- B. - A vehicle upon the approach of a fire apparatus, shall immediately draw near to and parallel with the right curb and stop until the apparatus has passed.
- C. - Vehicles moving on a street in a Northerly and Southerly direction shall have the right of way over vehicles moving on streets in an Easterly and Westerly direction. All street traffic, however, shall have the right of way over alley traffic regardless of the direction in which it is moving.
- D. - A vehicle shall not occupy any street so as to obstruct traffic.
- E. - Pedestrians shall have the right of way at street intersections and crossings; vehicles the right of way between intersections and crossings.
- F. - Pedestrians crossing streets at corners shall pass over such portions of the street as are included within the lines of the side-walks projected, and not idagonally.
- G. - Pedestrians traveling on the sidewalks shall keep to the right.

Section 5.

S i g n a l s

- A. - A driver of any vehicle when slowing or stopping shall give timely signal by raising the whip or hand vertically.
- B. - A vehicle's driver when about to turn either from a stand still or while in motion, shall give a timely signal with whip or hand indicating the direction in which the turn is to be made - this is especially important when turning to the left. The driver of a motor vehicle shall toot his horn before placing his machine in motion.
- C. - The driver of a vehicle shall give ample warning before backing.
- D. The driver of a motor vehicle about to overtake and pass another vehicle shall give signal by tooting his horn before passing.
- E. - It shall be the duty of all drivers to report immediately to the Police Department any accident, collision or mishap he himself may sustain, resulting in injury to persons or property or any with which he may be connected.
- F. - Sound signals are prohibited except for necessary warning.

Section 6

L i g h t s a n d B r a k e s

- A. - Every motor vehicle, while being operated or driven on the public streets of the City of Polson, shall display, during the period from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise a red light on the rear thereof and two white lights on the front thereof; the white lights of which shall be visible at least one hundred fifty feet in the direction in which said motor vehicle is proceeding or heading; provided, that motorcycles shall be required to display one lamp only on the front thereof, showing a white light visible at least 150 feet in the direction in which said motorcycle is proceeding or heading, during the period herebefore mentioned.

- lights*
- B. - The front of all motor vehicles shall be either equipped with so-called "dimmers" by which the intensity of such lights may be diminished, or, with lights of varying degrees of brightness, which may be automatically controlled by the driver of such vehicle; and it shall be unlawful for the driver of any motor vehicle within the limits of the City of Polson to display on the front of such vehicles lights of such degree of brightness as tend to confuse drivers of vehicles coming in contact with or moving in an opposite direction from such motor vehicle.
- C. - Every motor vehicle operated or driven on any street in the City of Polson shall be provided with adequate brakes and with a suitable bell, horn or ~~other~~ device for signalling.

Section 7

S p e e d

- A. - No vehicle shall travel at a speed faster than twelve (12) miles per hour on any street in the City of Polson. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit the officers, men, apparatus and vehicles of the fire department of the city from proceeding at such rate of speed as may be necessary for the proper discharge of their respective duties. *W. C. W. 1919*
- (revised Sept 19-1927)*
B. - A vehicle in making turns or in crossing other streets and crosswalks and in passing other vehicles shall do so with great caution.
- C. - A vehicle shall not cross a sidewalk to or from an alley, lot or building, except very slowly and with great caution.

Section 8

Restrictions in regard to Vehicles

- A. - It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of sixteen (16) years to drive any motor vehicle upon the streets of Polson. It shall be unlawful for any person to cause or permit any motor vehicle owned by them to be driven on the streets of Polson by any person under the age of sixteen (16) years.
- B. - No person shall operate or run, or attempt to operate or run a motorcycle from a sidecar or ~~other~~ attachment connected therewith, or from any other position on such motorcycle except from the seat thereof.
- C. - EVERY VEHICLE USING GASOLINE AS A MOTIVE POWER SHALL USE THE "MUFFLER" SO CALLED, AND THE SAME SHALL NOT BE CUT OUT OR DISCONNECTED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF POLSON.
- D. - No vehicle shall be driven over any fire hose.

Section 9

Control Treatment and Condition of Horses.

- A. - A horse shall not be unbridled nor left unattended in a street or unenclosed space without being securely fastened, unless attached to a vehicle with wheels so secured as to prevent its being dragged faster than a walk.
- B. - A driver shall continuously hold the reins in his hand while driving, riding or leading a horse.
- C. - No one shall over-load, over-drive, over-ride, or un-necessarily whip any horse.
- D. - No one shall crack or use a whip so as to excite any horse other than that which he is using, or so as to annoy, interfere or endanger any person.
- E. - No one shall use a horse unless it is fit for its work, free from lameness and sores likely to cause pain, and from any vice or disease to cause accident, injury, or infection.

Section 10

Any person violating any of the provisions of the Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the city jail for a period not exceeding fifty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 11

Ordinance No. 86 of the City of Polson and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 12

In the opinion of the city council the passage of this Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and an emergency is therefore declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed by the City Council this 4th day of June, A.D. 1917.

Approved by the Mayor this 4th day of June, A.D. 1917.

[Signature]
Mayor

Attest:

[Signature]
City Clerk

State of Montana
County of Flathead - - SS.
City of Polson

H.S. Hanson, being first duly sworn, upon his oath says; I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 21 years, and am and was at the time mentioned in this affidavit, the City Clerk of the City of Polson, in said County and State, that on the 6th day of June, 1917, in accordance the order of the City Council of the City of Polson, requiring all Resolutions and Ordinances of said City to be published by Posting in three of the most public places in said city, I posted a copy of the foregoing Ordinance No. 115 in three of the most public places in said City, to-wit: - One of the said copies in the office of the Mayor, one copy in the office of the Police Judge and one copy in the office of the City Treasurer; that each of the said copies so posted by me was a true, full and correct copy of said Ordinance and the whole thereof.

[Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of June, 1917.

[Signature]
Notary Public for the State of Montana.
Residing at Polson, Mont.
My Commission Expires July 9-1919

