

AN ORDINANCE providing for and fixing the amount of license fees to be paid for motor vehicles using the streets, alleys and highways of Joplin, Missouri, providing for the use and display of license plates and tags on such vehicles and for penalties for violation thereof.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the city of Joplin, Missouri, as follows:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to drive or cause to be driven, or operated in or upon the streets, alleys or highways of Joplin, Missouri, a motor vehicle, without a license first having been paid thereon, and the amount for the license fees therefor shall be as follows:

For each motor vehicle having a rating of less than twelve (12) horse power, \$2.00 per annum.

For each motor vehicle having a rating of twelve (12) horse power and less than twenty-four (24) horse power, \$3.00 per annum.

For each motor vehicle having a rating of twenty-four (24) horse power, or over, \$5.00 per annum.

Section 2. "Motor Vehicle" as used in this ordinance shall include all vehicles propelled by any other than muscular power, except traction engines or fire engines or fire wagons or police motors, or police wagons or police ambulances and such vehicles as run upon rails or tracks.

Section 3. All licenses issued under this ordinance shall expire on the 31st day of December, and all persons failing to pay such license on or before February 1st, shall pay as a penalty therefor an additional sum of \$1.00, provided that a person applies for a license under the provisions of this ordinance after September 1st, he shall be entitled to a pro rata rate, provided he pays for a license for the following year.

Section 4. Before a license shall be issued on a motor or power propelled vehicle, the owner of such vehicle shall, before offering to pay the same, furnish to the city an affidavit, stating therein the class of vehicle, the character of motor power, the factory number, the number of cylinders, the cylinder bore, the make or makers name and the name and address of the owner of the vehicle or vehicles upon which he is required to pay a license as provided by this ordinance.

Section 5. On all motor or power propelled vehicles, the license plate or tag shall be displayed on the front of such vehicle, and on all motor or power propelled vehicles, except electric propelled pleasure vehicles, the plate or tag shall be

displayed so that the bottom thereof shall be at least eighteen (18) inches above the ground and shall be displayed in such manner as to be at all times visible and so that the letters and figures thereon may at all times be read and same shall be kept clean and in good condition.

Section 6. No motor vehicle of any kind nor class, whatsoever, shall display a city license plate or tag, other than the one issued for the current period. No license provided for in this ordinance shall be transferred except by written permission of the Chief of Police.

Section 7. All owners of automobiles living outside of the City of Joplin, Missouri, may operate their automobiles in the city of Joplin, Missouri, without paying a city license; but for the purposes of this ordinance, all persons living continuously in the city of Joplin for thirty days (30) shall be required to take out a city license.

Section 8. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than One Dollar (\$1.00) nor more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00).

Section 9. This ordinance shall go into effect January 1st, 1916.

Passed by the City Council this 16th day of November, 1915.

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Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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City Attorney