

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE 708

This Ordinance was prepared and enacted with the earnest desire of promoting "Safety First" to the Public and all motor and other vehicles using the streets of ~~Council Grove~~. *Garnett, Kansas*

A strict observance of the simple rules laid down therein will prevent confusion and accidents.

THE CITY COMMISSIONERS.

ORDINANCE NO. ~~108~~ 708

An Ordinance Regulating Riding, Driving, Travel and Traffic in and upon the Public streets, Lanes, Alleys, and Avenues of the City of Garnett, Kansas, providing a penalty for the Violation thereof. Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Garnett, Kansas.

Section 1. The owner, operator, driver or person in charge of any cart, dray, wagon, coach, omnibus, automobile, taxicab, carriage, buggy, motorcycle, tricycle, bicycle, or other vehicle used, propelled or driven upon the streets of the city of Garnett, Kansas, shall conform to and observe the following rules and regulations on all such streets, lanes, alleys, avenues and public places in said city.

Section 2. DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this ordinance the following terms are defined as follows, to-wit:

- (a) The word "vehicle" includes equestrians, led horses and everything on wheels or runners except baby carriages.
- (b) The word "driver" includes the rider or driver of horses, the rider of wheels, and the operator of a vehicle, or motorcycle.
- (c) The word "horses" includes all domestic animals.
- (d) The term "congested district" as used in this ordinance shall include the following streets:

4th Avenue from Walnut Street to Main Street

5th Avenue from Walnut Street to Main Street

6th Avenue from Oak Street to Main Street

7th Avenue from Oak Street to Main Street

8th Avenue from Oak Street to Main Street,

and all intersecting streets here named.

Section 3. RULES OF THE ROAD.

- (a) A vehicle meeting another shall pass on the right.
- (b) A vehicle overtaking another shall pass on the left side of the over-taken vehicle and not pull over to the right until entirely clear of it.
- (c) All vehicles shall at all times be operated, driven or ridden on the portion of the streets, avenues and alleys, to the right of the center thereof, except where such portion is in an impassable condition.
- (d) Vehicles moving slowly shall keep as close as possible to the curb on the right, allowing more swiftly moving vehicles free passage on their ~~as possible~~ *left*.
- (e) A vehicle turning on to another street to the right shall turn the corner as near to the right hand curb ~~left~~ *as possible*.
- (f) A vehicle when turning to the left to enter an intersecting street shall not turn until it shall have passed beyond the center of such intersecting street.
- (g) Vehicles while being operated in the congested district shall not be turned around in any street or cross from one side of the street to the other except at intersections of streets, and in so doing shall not turn to the left until after reaching the center of said intersection so as to head in the same direction as the traffic on the streets.
- (h) Every person in charge of a vehicle shall pull to the right of the street or road when signaled from a vehicle behind desiring to pass.
- (i) That upon the approach of any fire apparatus, police patrol or ambulance, every vehicle shall draw up as near as practicable to the right curb of the street and remain at a standstill until such apparatus, patrol or ambulance shall have passed.

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(j) Vehicles traveling ~~east~~ or ~~west~~ shall have the right of way over all vehicles traveling ~~north or south~~. *East or West.*

(k) No vehicle shall so occupy any street as to interfere with or interrupt the passage of other vehicles.

(l) Vehicles shall not stop on the cross walk so as to interfere with the passage of pedestrians.

(m) Vehicles shall be driven in a careful manner and with due regard for the safety and convenience of pedestrians and all other vehicles.

(n) Police, fire department, fire patrol vehicles and ambulances shall have the right of way in any street.

Section 4.

(a) No one shall ride or jump upon or into any vehicle without the consent of the driver, nor shall any person hang on to any vehicle whatsoever.

(b) No unauthorized person shall interfere ^{with} or molest any vehicle, provided, however, that for the purpose of getting away from the place of standing, a driver may move another vehicle which is so placed that he cannot get his vehicle out.

(c) A vehicle shall remain backed up to a curb only long enough to be loaded or unloaded.

(d) Horses attached to vehicles when backed up to the curbs, shall be turned at right angles to the vehicles or at as nearly this angle as possible.

(e) No person operating a self-propelled vehicle shall permit the motors of same to operate in such a manner as to visibly emit an unduly great amount of steam, smoke or products of combustion from exhaust pipes or openings.

Section 5. SIGNALS.

(a) The driver or person in control of a vehicle in slowing, stopping or turning, shall signal those in the rear by raising whip or hand.

(b) No person in control of a vehicle shall back the same without ample warning having been given, and while backing, care must be exercised not to injure those in the rear.

(c) Any person in charge of a vehicle in turning into another street, or turning on the same street, shall indicate the direction he desires to take immediately before making the turn, by raising the hand or whip so that those in the front and rear may see such signal. These signals shall be used when there are pedestrians or other vehicles near.

Section 6.

STOPPING AND PARKING.

No vehicle shall stop with its left side to the curb, and no vehicle in the congested district except merchant's deliveries, unless in an emergency, shall stop in the street or at the curb for more than five minutes without parking if an automobile, or tying to a hitch-rack, if a team. Automobiles in said congested district, shall be parked in the places and manner hereinafter provided.

Section 7.

RATE OF SPEED.

(a) Every person operating a motor vehicle on the public streets, lanes, alleys or other public highways within the city shall drive the same in a careful and prudent manner and at a rate of speed that shall not endanger the property of another or the life or limb of any person or persons, provided that driving in excess of the following rates of speed for a distance of more than two hundred feet shall be presumptive evidence of driving at a rate of speed which is not careful and prudent: (1) ~~Twenty~~ ^{fifteen} (10) miles per hour in the congested district and at intersections of streets, and ~~twenty~~ ^{fifteen} (15) miles per hour upon all other streets, lanes, avenues and alleys.

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(b) No person in charge of any vehicle shall drive the same passing any school faster than twelve miles an hour during any part of the school year when children are going to and from school, or are in the street near such school.

Section 8.

EQUIPMENT.

(a) Every bicycle, automobile or other motor vehicle in use upon the streets of Garnett, shall have attached thereto a gong, bell, horn or other adequate signal in good working order and of proper size and character sufficient to give warning of the approach of such vehicle, car, engine or machine to pedestrians, and to riders and drivers of other vehicles; but such gongs, bells, horn and other signals shall not be sounded except when necessary to give warning.

(b) Every motor vehicle while in use on any public streets, lanes or alleys of said city shall be provided with good and sufficient brakes, and shall have exhibited during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, one or more lamps showing white lights visible within a reasonable distance from the direction toward which such vehicle is proceeding, and a red light visible from the reverse direction, and visible from such direction only.

(c) Every automobile, motor vehicle or motorcycle using gasoline or other explosive mixture as a motive power, shall use a "muffler" which shall be sufficient to deaden the sound of the explosions, and such muffler shall not be disconnected or cut out while such automobile, motor vehicle or motorcycle is being operated upon any street, lane, avenue or alley within the city of Garnett.

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(d) That all electric headlights on automobiles without ~~dimmer~~ ^{comply with the laws} attachments shall be focused, hooded or painted so as to ~~direct ray of said light not more than 33 feet above the surface of the street; that on all automobiles with dimmer light attachment, said light attachment shall be dimmed so as not to interfere with the vision of any person or persons approaching said automobile on the roadway.~~

(e) Dirigible searchlights or "spot" lights shall not be used on the public streets or highways except in emergencies or when headlights are inadequate owing to rain, fog, etc., and then only provided their shaft of condensed light is directed well downward below the level of the lamp and at no time in the eyes of pedestrians or other drivers.

Section 9.

ACCIDENTS.

~~(A)~~ The driver of any vehicle who in any manner injures any person, property or other vehicle, shall stop and give reasonable assistance, and shall give to the police, the person injured or the owner of the property injured, his name and address, the name and address of the owner of the vehicle he was driving at the time of the accident, and the registered number of vehicle.

Section 10.

PEDESTRIANS.

~~(A)~~ The roadbeds or driveways of the streets avenues and alleys are primarily intended for vehicles; but pedestrians have the right to cross them in safety and all drivers of vehicles shall exercise all proper care not to injure pedestrians. Pedestrians when crossing a street shall cross at right angles to said street, and shall not carelessly or maliciously interfere with the passage of vehicles, *exercise due diligence to prevent accidents.* ^{& shall}

Section 11.

OFFICERS' CONTROL.

(a) At theatres and public gatherings or under unusual circumstances, vehicles shall be parked and shall stand or move as directed by the police.

Section 11. DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES.

(6) Cars shall be parked in the congested districts as follows:

On Fourth Avenue in the center of, and at right angles with said Avenue, from the west line of the Fourth Avenue livery barn, to the west line of Main Street *except at intersection of Oak Street*. On the east side of Oak Street between the south line of Fourth Avenue and the north line of Fifth Avenue, and from the south line of Fifth Avenue on the east side of said Oak Street, for a distance of 80 feet.

On the west side of Oak Street from the north line of Sixth Avenue north to the alley.

All cars parked on east side of Oak Street, shall stand at or near an angle of 45 degrees with front of car to the ^{north} curb, and all cars parked on the west side of Oak Street, shall stand at or near an angle of 45 degrees with front of car to the ^{south} curb.

Dray wagons shall be parked on the north side of Fifth Avenue from the west line of Oak Street west to a distance of 80 feet.

Section 12. PENALTY.

(a) Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in the sum not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$100.00.

(b) REPEAL.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 13.

This ordinance shall be in full force and take effect from and after ^{10 days from its publication} its publication in the Garnett Review.

Approved:

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J. S. Mitchell
city clerk

E. N. McHowell

Mayor.

Passed and approved by the Board of Commissioners this
** 27 of August, 1917.

J. S. Mitchell

City Clerk.