

ORDINANCE NO. 21

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH TRAFFIC REGULATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES AND EFFECTIVE DATE. ORDINANCE NUMBER 7 SHALL BECOME REPEALED UPON THE PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BETHEL, ALASKA:

SECTION 1. BASIC SPEED LAW. It shall be unlawful for any motor driven or jet propelled vehicle including but not limited to, motor-scooters, motor cycles and motor driven bicycles, to travel at a speed greater than twenty (20) miles per hour upon any street, public road, trail, alley or upon the ice within the City of Bethel, Alaska, except as otherwise posted. No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing. In every event speed shall be so controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle or other conveyance on or entering the highway in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due care.

SECTION 2. SPEED-SCHOOL ZONE. Streets, roads, trails and alleys used by the public adjacent to any public school are hereby established as school zones and shall be plainly posted as a school zone at the places where children are to be protected; it shall be unlawful to drive any vehicle named in Section 1 of this Ordinance at a speed greater than ten (10) miles per hour in the school zone unless signs indicating the school zone be removed during any school vacation.

SECTION 3. INTERSECTIONS. No vehicle shall pass, or attempt to pass another vehicle going in the same direction while crossing any road or street intersection.

SECTION 4. STOP SIGNS AT INTERSECTIONS. Every driver of a vehicle approaching a stop intersection indicated by a Stop Sign shall stop at a point nearest the intersecting roadway before entering said roadway. That on corners where stop signs are not placed due caution by operator of the vehicle must be used.

SECTION 5. GLASS AND NAILS. No person shall throw, cast, lay nor place upon any street, nails or similar sharp items damaging to tires and in case of an accident causing the breaking of glass upon a public thoroughway, the owner or person in charge of such glass, or the person responsible for such breakage, shall at once remove, or cause the same to be removed.

SECTION 6. MORE THAN THREE IN FRONT SEAT. It shall be unlawful to drive any motor vehicle with more than three adult persons in the drivers seat thereof.

SECTION 7. FIRE APPARATUS. The driver of any vehicle other than one on official business shall not follow any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm any closer than 600 feet. No vehicle shall be allowed to park in such a manner as to block the roadway leading to the scene of a fire. No vehicle shall be driven over any unprotected fire hose when laid down on any street, alley or on property adjacent to the scene of a fire, while the fire hose is being used to control the fire. Drivers of all motor vehicles must pull to the right side of the road and stop when a fire truck or police car siren is sounded until such emergency vehicle has passed.

SECTION 8. LIGHTING EQUIPMENT. (a) Every motor vehicle other than a motorcycle shall be equipped with at least two headlamps, with at least one on each side of the front of the motor vehicle, said headlamps shall meet the requirements of the Alaska State Vehicle Code. (b) Motorcycles and other motor-driven vehicles, other than cars and trucks, shall be equipped with at least one and not more than two headlamps. (c) Every motor vehicle, including motorcycles, shall be equipped with at least one tail lamp mounted on the rear of the vehicle which, when lighted shall emit a red light plainly visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear. And further, every vehicle manufactured after January 1, 1958, shall be equipped with at least two tail lamps spaced on each side of the rear end of the vehicle.

SECTION 9. RIDING ON BICYCLES. (a) Every person operating a bicycle upon a street or roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practical, observing the "rules of the road" as prescribed for motor vehicle operators, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction. (b) No person riding upon a bicycle, coaster, skates or sled shall attach the same to nor hang on to any vehicle moving along a roadway. (c) Every person operating a bicycle during the hours of darkness shall be required to have a red reflector attached on the rear end of the bicycle, and a white light on the front.

SECTION 10. HORNS AND WARNING DEVICES. Every motor vehicle when operated on the streets or roadways shall be equipped with a horn in good working condition and capable of emitting a sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than two hundred (200) feet, but no horn nor other warning device shall emit an unreasonably loud or harsh sound or whistle. No vehicle shall be equipped nor shall any person use upon a vehicle any siren except police or fire vehicles when upon official business.

SECTION 11. WINDSHIELD WIPERS. The windshield of every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a device in good working order for cleaning rain, snow or other moisture from the windshield, which device shall be constructed as to be controlled and operated by the driver of the vehicle.

SECTION 12. MUFFLERS. Every vehicle shall at all times be equipped with a muffler in good working condition and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise and annoying smoke.

SECTION 13. NEGLIGENT DRIVING. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in a negligent manner over or upon any public roadway, public place or on the ice. To operate in a negligent manner means the operation of a vehicle in such a manner as to endanger lives or property. The offence of operating a vehicle in a negligent manner shall be considered to be a lesser offence than operating a vehicle in a reckless manner.

SECTION 14. VIOLATION - PENALTY. Any person who shall violate any provision of Sections 1 through 12 of this Ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof by the City Magistrate, be fined for the first offence a sum not less than ten (10) dollars nor more than twenty five (25) dollars, or by imprisonment in the city jail for two days, or both. For the second and subsequent offences a sum not to exceed one hundred (100) dollars, or by imprisonment in the city jail for not more than 10 days, or both. For violation of Section 13 of this Ordinance any person convicted shall pay a fine of not less than twenty five (25) dollars nor more than fifty (50) dollars, or by imprisonment in the city jail for not more than five days, for the first offence, and for the second or subsequent offences shall be fined a sum not less than fifty (50) dollars nor more than one hundred (100) dollars, or by imprisonment in the city jail for not more than 10 days, or both.

This ordinance shall become effective the day following its final passage and approval when Ordinance No. 7 shall be repealed.

Passed and approved by the Council of the City of Bethel, Alaska, this 8th day of October 1963 by a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR