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STREET, ALLEY,

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and Bridges

within the Town

City of Chesburg, W. Va.

Enacted August 18, 1915

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG:

Section 1. (a) The word "vehicle" in this ordinance includes equestrians, led horses, and everything on wheels or runners except baby carriages and except street cars and interurban cars, when not expressly referred to.

(b) The word "horse" includes all domestic animals.

(c) The word "driver" includes the rider, driver, or leader of a horse, the rider of a wheel and the operator of any vehicle, street car or interurban car.

(d) The term "congested district" shall be held to mean as follows:

Main street from Fifth to Second.

Pike street from Sixth to Second.

Second street from Main to Hewes.

Third street from Mechanic to Hewes.

Fourth street from Main to Baltimore.

Fifth street from Werninger to Baltimore.

Sixth street from Main to Baltimore.

Werninger, Clark and Baltimore streets from North Sixth street to North Fourth.

Section 2. (a) Every driver and all pedestrians shall stop immediately upon the signal by voice, hand or otherwise, of any member of the po-

lice force. At theaters or other public places where traffic is congested or under unusual circumstances, vehicles and pedestrians shall stand or move as directed by the police officer present.

(b) In case of fire, accident or special emergency, drivers and pedestrians shall at all times comply with the directions of any police officer present as to passing, stopping, starting, approaching or departing from any place, and shall during the time in such case, where the public safety and convenience demand, refrain from going over or upon any part of the street, alley or public place at or near where such fire, accident or special emergency shall exist, and proceed by another way, street or alley, and as directed by any police officer present.

Signals.

Section 3. When a police officer is present at the intersection of streets, or alleys, one blast of a police signal indicates that North and South traffic shall stop and East and West traffic shall proceed; two blasts that East and West traffic must stop and that North and South traffic shall proceed; three or more blasts is a signal of alarm and indicates the approach of danger.

(a) Before slowing up or stopping drivers shall signal to those behind by raising the whip or hand vertically.

(b) In turning, a signal shall be given by indicating with the whip or

hand the direction in which the turn is to be taken.

(c) Before backing, warning shall be given, and while backing vigilance must be exercised not to injure those behind.

(d) No vehicle shall be used on any street, alley or public place of the city unless provided with lights and sound signals as prescribed by this ordinance.

Right of Way.

Section 4. (a) The officers and men of the fire department with their fire apparatus of all kinds, hospital ambulances, officers and men and vehicles of the police department and all physicians who have a police permit, shall have the right of way on any street and through any procession except over vehicles carrying the United States mail, in responding to calls or orders in their several departments and when sounding the warning signals upon their respective vehicles. The chief of police is hereby empowered to issue upon written applications therefor, permits for such right of way to any duly registered physician, which permit shall be non-transferable and in effect only which such physician shall be in discharge of his professional duty.

Upon the sounding of such signal, pedestrians ahead shall immediately leave the driveway, and drivers ahead shall immediately draw as near as possible to their right hand curb and parallel thereto and stop until such apparatus has passed or stopped, and

all street cars and interurban cars ahead shall also come to a stop, except in street and alley intersections, upon the approval of police or fire apparatus moving at a high rate of speed.

(b) All persons operating locomotives, railroad trains, street cars or interurban cars at street intersections, shall upon such signal at once make way for such apparatus.

(c) Any of the above apparatus shall not sound such warning signals except such right of way is necessary in the performance of official duties.

(d) Subject to Section 4. (a) All vehicles traveling on streets extending in an easterly and westerly direction shall have the right of way over vehicles traveling on intersecting streets and alleys.

(e) Vehicles of all kinds shall remain off of Third street between Pike and Main streets from 7 p. m. to 11:30 p. m. on Saturdays or at any other time that the crowded condition of said street would justify the chief of police to close same to vehicles.

(f) No person shall drive or take any vehicle through a procession, except in case of absolute necessity or by permission of a police officer.

(g) The driver of any vehicle and any equestrian shall stop such vehicle or horse the full length of any street car from its entrance or exit, which has stopped to take on or let off passengers so as to allow passengers

free passage between the street car and the curb, and such driver or equestrian shall cause his vehicle or horse to remain standing until such street car has resumed motion, and until such unloaded passengers shall have had opportunity to reach the curb. No street car shall remain standing for loading or unloading more than two (2) minutes, except at the terminal of the street car routes and in case of emergency.

Pedestrians.

Section 5. (a) Pedestrians shall keep to the right on all walks and drives and stop only at or near the curb or house line and not in the center of the walk or street, nor on the side walk at street intersections within the lines of the intersecting side walks.

(b) Pedestrians when crossing the streets in the congested district shall move in the direction of traffic and shall await the signal from the traffic policemen wherever one is stationed.

(c) Pedestrians shall never start from the side walk in crossing the street without looking in both directions to see what is approaching and shall cross at right angles with the street, at street intersections; they shall not cross diagonally, but shall go around the center of the line of traffic and cross only one street at a time.

(d) No person shall jump, hang or ride upon any vehicle while standing without the consent of the owner and

under no circumstances while in motion, while the vehicle is on a road or roadway.

(e) No person shall, on congested streets or side walks, use roller skates, coasters, tricycles or any other vehicle, toy, or other article on wheels or runners, (excepting bicycles) or operate the same on any road or roadway.

(f) All persons intending to enter a street car shall not leave the side walk until the car has arrived at the point where passengers are received.

(g) All persons leaving street cars shall go directly from the street car to the pavement.

(h) No person alighting from a street car shall pass in front of the car before the car has started and passed the crossing.

Speed.

Section 6. (a) No person shall operate, drive or propel, and no owner or controller thereof, riding thereon or therein, shall cause, or permit to be operated, driven, ridden, or propelled on any street of the city of Clarksburg, any horse or vehicle, recklessly or negligently or at a speed or in a manner so as to endanger the life, limb or property of any person or damage any property provided that a rate of speed exceeding ten (10) miles per hour on any of the streets within what is termed the "congested district" and fifteen (15) miles an hour upon the residue of streets of the city shall likewise

constitute prima facie evidence of a violation of the provisions of this section, provided that street cars shall have the right to move at a rate of speed not exceeding ten (10) miles per hour in the said congested district, and at a rate of speed not exceeding fifteen (15) miles per hour on the following streets: On Pike street from Oak street to the West Virginia and Pittsburg railroad crossing on West Pike street.

~~On Main street from Oak street to the junction of West Pike to Main streets.~~

And provided, further, that in turning from a street or alley to another street or alley and crossing the intersections of streets the rate of speed for any vehicle or animal shall not exceed six (6) miles per hour; and provided further, that nothing herein contained as to speed shall apply to vehicles of the police and fire departments.

(b) Motor trucks constructed to carry freight or merchandise shall not exceed a speed of eight (8) miles per hour in the congested district, and twelve (12) miles an hour elsewhere in said city in cases where the weight of the vehicle and load is more than three (3) tons and less than eight (8) tons, and shall not exceed six (6) miles an hour, in case where the weight of the vehicle and load is eight (8) tons or more. Said motor trucks constructed to carry freight or merchandise shall not exceed a speed of six (6) miles an hour

over any of the bridges in the City of Clarksburg and no horse shall be driven, ridden or led over or upon any of said bridges faster than a walk.

(c) No vehicle shall emerge from an alley, stable, garage or other area or building on to a side walk at a greater speed than three ((3) miles an hour, and at such places, the driver of such vehicle shall give warning by gong, bell, or other signal of its coming onto the pavement and at garages by an attendant preceding.

Street Cars.

Section 7. (a) Street cars shall have the right of way between cross streets over all vehicles except those referred to in Section 4, .(a). The driver of any vehicle proceeding upon the track in front of a street car shall turn out upon the signal of the driver or conductor of the street car. No vehicle shall be permitted by its owner or driver to stand upon or so near to the street car tracks as to prevent the safe passage of a street car, provided that this section shall not apply in case of accident or when such horse or vehicle stops upon or near the said street car tracks as aforesaid by directions of a police officer or under some provision of this ordinance.

(b) No vehicles or street car shall so occupy any street as to unnecessarily interfere with or intercept the passage of other cars or vehicles.

(c) Street cars shall not stand in intersections of streets.

(d) Vehicles, street cars and interurban cars must stop back of cross walks so as not to interfere with the passage of pedestrians, except as otherwise in this ordinance provided.

(e) Street cars and interurban cars shall stop on the near side of intersecting streets for the purpose of taking on or discharging passengers, and shall not obstruct any intersecting street or path used by pedestrians in crossing the streets, except as follows:

That when the street on which the care line is unpaved and muddy, and only one crossing has been provided, the cars shall load and unload from and upon such crossing.

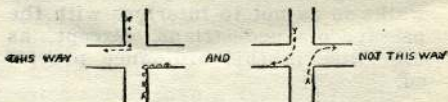
Vehicles.

Section 8. (a) A vehicle, except when passing a vehicle ahead, shall keep as near to the right hand curb as possible.

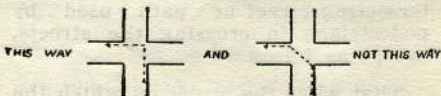
(b) A vehicle meeting another shall pass to the right.

(c) A vehicle overtaking another shall pass to the left side of the overtaken vehicle and not pull over to the right until entirely clear of it, except that vehicles overtaking a street car shall not pass the same to the left, but to the right thereof.

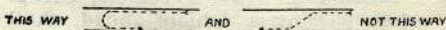
(d) A vehicle turning into another street or alley to the right shall turn the corner as near to the right hand curb as possible.



(e) A vehicle turning into another street or alley to the left shall circle around the center of the street intersection.



(f) A vehicle crossing from one side of the street to the other shall do so by turning to the left so as to head in the same direction as traffic on that side of the street, and in making such crossing in the congested district, it shall not back.



(g) No vehicle shall stop with the left side to the curb.

(h) No vehicle shall stand backed up to the curb except when actually loading or unloading, and if said vehicle is horse drawn and has four wheels, the horse or horses must stand parallel to the curb and faced in the direction of traffic.

(i) A vehicle waiting at the curb

shall promptly give place to vehicles ready to load or unload.

(j) No vehicle, unless in an emergency or to allow another vehicle or pedestrian to cross its path, shall stop in any street, except at the right hand curb thereof, and so as not to obstruct a crossing.

(k) No vehicle outside of the congested district shall be backed to make a turn in any street; if by so doing, it interferes with other vehicles or with traffic.

(l) No vehicle shall be so loaded that it may not be easily drawn over the most difficult portion of the route, not to occupy more than eight (8) feet and six (6) inches in width over all, except by written permit of the chief of police.

(m) No vehicle shall stop or stand within twenty (20) feet of any fire hydrant or stand within twenty (20) feet of any intersecting street corner or crossing.

(n) Every motor vehicle while in use on a public highway, street, alley or public place of said city, shall exhibit during the period from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, two lanterns showing white lights visible two hundred (200) feet in the direction towards which such vehicle is proceeding, and also a red light visible in the reverse direction for like distance, except that motorcycle and bicycles shall exhibit during said period one lantern showing white light visible as aforesaid in the direction in which sad motor

cycle or bicycle is proceeding, and on all vehicles carrying materials which shall extend behind such vehicle, a red light shall be placed at the extreme rear of such material.

(o) No vehicle shall stand upon Main street from North Fifth street to Second street, and on Pike street from Sixth street to Second street, and on Third and Fourth streets between Main and Pike streets, longer than sixty (60) minutes between the hours of 7 a. m. and 7 p. m. unattended.

Any vehicle standing in any street or alley or public place of the city, shall, except when loading or unloading, move at the request of a police officer or the owner or lessee of the abutting property.

(p) No person shall use the streets or alleys of said city for storing or parking vehicles not in immediate use or a place for repairing or cleaning vehicles of any kind, and no vehicle shall be left standing on Hewes street from Third to Fourth streets at any time unless in charge of a competent driver.

(q) No vehicle shall be stopped or allowed to stand on Third street between Main street and Mechanic street and between Pike street and Hewes street, and on Second street between Mechanic street and Hewes street, except on the west side of Second and Third streets and with the right side of vehicle as close to the curb as possible, provided that vehicles loading or unloading mer-

chandise or passengers shall have reasonable time to load or unload same on the east side of said streets.

(r) Heavily loaded vehicles shall keep as close to the right hand curb as possible in order that lighter loaded and faster moving vehicles may pass on the left.

(s) It shall be unlawful for any person to ride or drive any vehicle or animal over or upon any part of any street or alley or public ground of said city, which has been closed to traffic by the city for repairs or other purpose while the same remains so closed. It shall be sufficient evidence that any part of a street or alley or public ground is closed that barriers shall have been erected across the entrance thereto and exits therefrom.

(t) No driver or operator of any vehicle shall interfere in any manner with the employes of the city in the discharge of their duties while cleaning the highways, and sufficient room shall at all times be given to said employes to continue their work without interruption, and no vehicle or animals shall be led or driven over or upon any sidewalk in this city without precautions having first been taken to prevent any damage to same.

Automobiles, Motorcycles, Motorvehicles and Bicycles.

Section 9. (a) All bicycles, motorcycles, automobiles and all other motor vehicles and street cars upon the streets of the city of Clarksburg

shall have attached thereto a gong, horn, or other adequate signal, in good working order to give sufficient warning to pedestrians, riders, and drivers of other vehicles, which gong, horn, or other signal shall not be sounded except when necessary to give such warning, but no such gong, horn, or other signal shall produce a sound unusually loud or annoying or such as will frighten pedestrians or animals, provided that this section shall not apply to vehicles belonging to the Fire or Police Departments of the City of Clarksburg.

(b) No person operating any such bicycle, motorcycle, automobile or other motorvehicle shall permit the motors of the same to operate in such a manner as to visibly emit an unnecessary amount of steam, smoke or products of combustion from exhaust pipes or openings.

(c) No person operating any such vehicle shall permit the pipes, mufflers, or other devices to emit sounds of exhaust in a loud and annoying manner, and all such vehicles shall be operated in as noiseless a manner as possible.

(d) Cut-outs on motorvehicles, motorcycles and motorbicycles shall be either removed or kept closed on such vehicles when operating within the city limits.

(e) All automobiles and motorvehicles operated or standing on any public street, alley, or place within the said city shall carry the lights required by law to be carried by automobiles.

(f) Any vehicle, including street cars, carrying any acetylene, electric, or other brilliant headlight, or if any headlight is intensified by any condensing lens in front of or at the side of the light or by any condensing reflector, the headlight shall be properly shaded or dimmed so as to not make it difficult or unsafe for others to ride, drive, or walk in the streets, alleys or public places of said city.

(g) It shall be unlawful for any owner, bailee, lessee or custodian of any motorvehicle, motorcycle or self-propelled vehicle to permit a minor under sixteen (16) years of age or for any such minor to operate or run any such vehicle on the public streets or places of said city, nor shall any person operate a motorvehicle when intoxicated or at all under the influence of liquor or a drug.

(h) It shall be unlawful for any person operating any motorvehicle in this city to allow the same to stand unattended on or by any road, street or other highway, without locking the lever or other device by which the same is started, or taking other reasonable precautions to prevent such vehicle being started by unauthorized persons. And no person operating any motorvehicle shall leave the same unattended as aforesaid without first stopping the motor and cutting off the electric current. And no person, under no circumstances, shall allow any vehicle (motor or otherwise) to stand on South Third street between Main street and Pike

street, nor on South Fourth street between Main street and Pike street for a longer period than ten (10) minutes.

Section 11. (a) No horse shall be left unattended in any street, alley or public place of the city unless securely fastened.

(b) No person shall hitch any horse to any lamp post, telegraph or telephone pole or post, trolley pole, tree or structure, save and except to a regular hitching post, ring or block.

Parades.

Section 12. All street parades, processions and street assemblages, occupying, assembling or marching upon any street or public place of the city, except the National Guards of the state and funeral processions, are forbidden unless a permit therefore in writing, shall have first been obtained from the mayor, which permit shall designate what and how much of the streets such procession or assemblage may occupy, provided in all processions and parades in which vehicles are in line such vehicles shall be kept twenty (20) feet apart.

Section 13. Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance, shall upon conviction before the mayor, be fined not less than five (5) dollars nor more than twenty (20) dollars or be confined in the city or county jail not more than thirty (30) days or both.

Section 14. All ordinances and

parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 15. This ordinance is hereby declared to be urgent and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and shall therefore take effect from its passage.

Passed finally in council August 20, 1915.

G. H. GORDON, Mayor.

A. J. BISHOP, City Clerk.

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CLARKSBURG TELEGRAM CO.
CLARKSBURG, W. VA

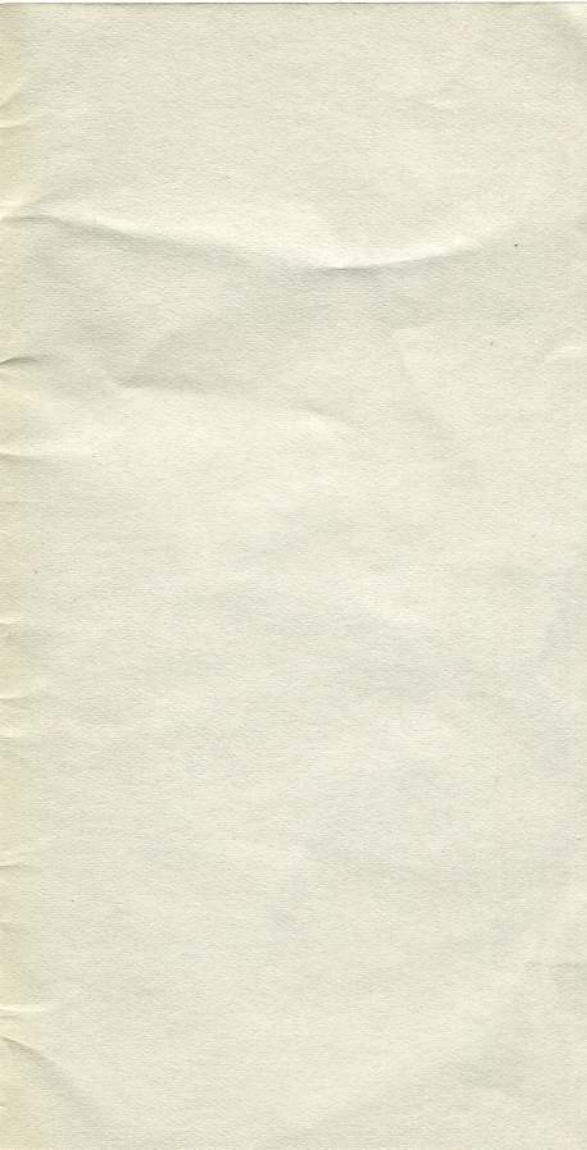


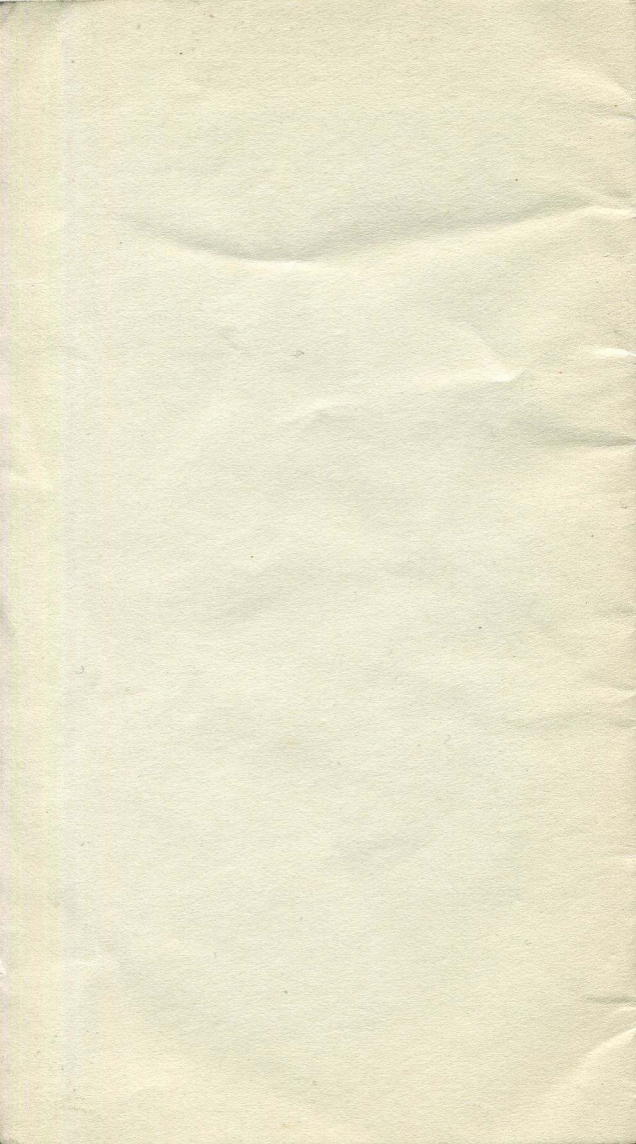
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