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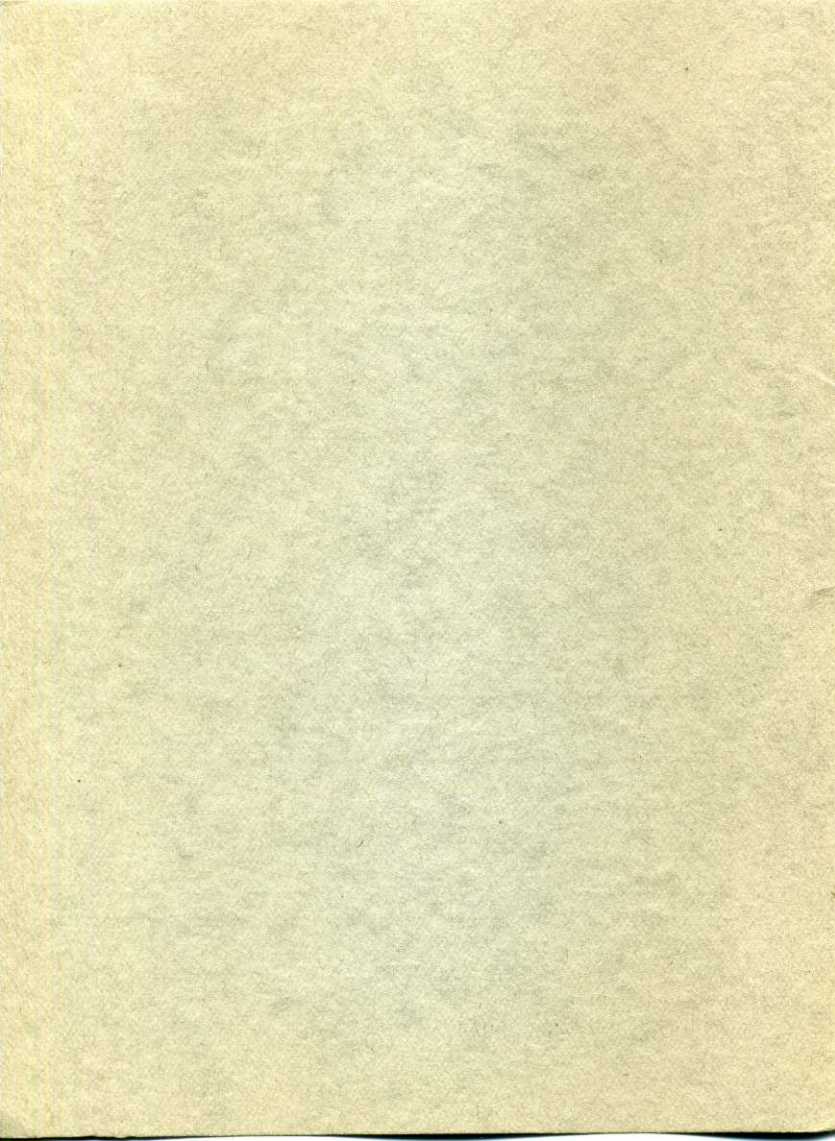
Traffic Ordinance



An Ordinance to Regulate
the Use of Vehicles on
the Streets of the

City of Follansbee

West Virginia



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AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE USE OF VEHICLES ON THE STREETS OF THE CITY OF FOLLANSBEE

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FOLLANSBEE:**

Section 1. No person shall operate a motor vehicle on or over the public streets of the city of Follansbee, at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the traffic and use of said streets, so as not to endanger the life or limb of any person, or the safety of any property, or in any event at a greater rate of speed than 10 mile per hour along Main street of said city, nor at a greater rate of speed than 15 miles per hour on or over any of the other streets of said city.

Section 2. Upon approaching a crossing of intersecting streets a person operating a motor vehicle shall have it under control and operate it at a rate of speed not exceeding 7 miles per hour.

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Section 3. It shall not be lawful for the owner, operator, driver or person in charge of any vehicle used, propelled or driven upon the streets of the City of Follansbee, to drive any such vehicle onto the sidewalk of any of the streets of said city, except by permission of the street Committee, or to stop any such vehicle on any of the cross walks or intersections of streets, or to place any such vehicle crosswise of any street of said City, except to load thereon or to unload therefrom; but in no case shall it be lawful for any person to permit such vehicle to remain on any street of said City between the hours of 7 o'clock A. M. and 6 o'clock P. M. for a period of longer than sixty (60) minutes, and no such vehicle shall remain backed up to the curb, except when actually loading and unloading. All such vehicles shall not stop except in case of accident or other emergencies or when instructed to stop by the police, in such a way as to obstruct crossings, or within five feet of any such street crossing. Every person driving an automobile or motor vehicle shall, at the request or signal by putting up the hand, from a person driving or riding a frightened horse or horses, cause the automobile or motor to immediately stop and to remain as long as may be necessary to allow such horse or horses to pass. But no person shall wantonly stop such automobile or motor vehicle.

Section 4. Vehicles going on the streets running north and south in the city, shall have the right of way over others going on intersecting streets. All persons operating or driving vehicles going on streets running east and west shall give way to vehicles going north and south, and

shall not run on any intersection of a street running north and south so as to interfere with vehicles going north and south. No vehicles shall cross any street in the city or make any turn thereon until it has been closed up and slackened in speed to a reasonable safe rate for crossing street intersections.

Section 5. No driver of any vehicle shall pass any street car which is stopped or has stopped for the purpose of taking on or discharging passengers. The driver of such vehicle shall stop until such car has taken on or discharged its passengers and again started, provided that two minutes shall be taken to be sufficient time for taking on or discharging passengers.

Section 6. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to drive two vehicles abreast upon the streets of the city, or to drive a vehicle crossing to and fro thereon, or to race thereon with some other vehicle, or to drive or operate any vehicle upon the streets or alleys of said city at an unreasonable or dangerous rate of speed, except upon occasions specially authorized by the Mayor or Council of said city.

Section 7. The horse or horses attached to a vehicle backed up to the curb shall be turned at right angles to the vehicle, and in the direction in which the traffic on the side of the street is moving.

Section 8. No vehicle shall remain standing at the curb in the city for a longer period than thirty (30) minutes, except when actually loading or unloading, and any such vehicle standing at the curb shall move away from such curb at the request of any police officer, a driver of other vehicle, or the owner of the abutting property. But this

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shall not work a hardship on persons who may be permitted to keep their delivery wagons at the curb in front of their places of business.

Section 9. No vehicle shall stop on any street, except within two feet of the curb, or in any such way as to obstruct the free passage on the street; provided that nothing in this section shall be held to apply whenever a driver of a vehicle is compelled to stop by reason of the regulation contained in Section 5 of this ordinance.

Section 10. Any vehicle waiting at the curb shall promptly give place to a vehicle about to take on or let off passengers or to receive or discharge freight, baggage or provisions.

Section 11. No person shall drive or conduct any vehicle in such condition so constructed or loaded as to be likely to cause delay in traffic or accident or injury to person, beast or property.

Section 12. Vehicles of the Police and Fire Department, vehicles carrying United States mail, physicians' vehicles, ambulances and funeral processions shall have the right of way in any street and through any procession. But this shall not give funerals the right to follow a street car track to the extent of interfering with the operation of cars thereon; if there is sufficient room, the said funeral shall keep to the right side of the street and to the right of the said street car track.

Section 13. No person shall ride upon the rear end of any vehicle without the consent of the driver, and when so riding, no part of the person's body shall protrude beyond the limits of the vehicles.

Section 14. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter,

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interfere, molest, disturb, deface or injure in any manner whatsoever, any vehicle while being operated, or standing on any street of the city, without the owner's consent.

Section 15. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor cycle, motor car or any motor, which is propelled by an engine deriving its power from explosion, unless there be a muffler attached to the exhaust from such engine, reducing the sound of the explosion so it will not be of unusual loudness or of an annoying, disturbing character

Section 16. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive over the streets of the city any vehicle for advertising purposes in which is built or placed any gaudy signs and on which there is any bell or drum corps, or any person with a megaphone, or otherwise call attention to such vehicle. But this shall not apply to vehicles in a regularly organized Merchants' display or industrial or circus parade.

Section 17. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to or to permit any one to throw, place or permit to lay or remain upon the streets of said city, any glass, metallic substance, or anything whatsoever, that will injure or destroy the tire of rubber-tired vehicles.

Section 18. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof may be fined not less than One (\$1.00) Dollar, nor more than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, and the cost of prosecution, and may be confined in the City or County Jail for a period not to exceed one year, or both, at the discretion of the Mayor.

Section 19. This ordinance shall not apply to street cars or railroad cars running on metallic rails.

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RULES OF THE ROAD.

1. PASSING, TURNING, STOPPING, STANDING AND STARTING. A vehicle, except when passing another going in same direction, shall keep to the right and as near right-hand curb as possible.

A vehicle meeting another shall pass to the right.

A vehicle overtaking another shall pass to the left, and not pull over to the right until so far ahead as not to interfere with progress of vehicle passed.

A vehicle turning into another street to the right shall turn corner as near right-hand curb as practicable.

A vehicle turning into another street to the left shall turn around intersection of the center lines of the two streets.

A vehicle crossing from one side of the street to the other, where there is two-way traffic, shall head in same direction as traffic on that side of street. Note:—Such turns should not be made at street intersections.

On two-way streets heavy and slow vehicles shall keep as close to right-hand curb as possible, to allow rapid moving and lighter traffic to proceed independently.

On all streets having a single track, vehicles desiring to pass a street car, stopped on near side of street intersection, must move to the left of the street car (except where traffic officer directs otherwise).

On all streets having double tracks, vehicles proceeding to the right of the street car must come to a stop when street car is stopping on near side of street intersections, and remain at a standstill until street car is started (unless

traffic officer directs otherwise).

No vehicle should pass to the left of a street car on streets having double tracks.

No horse or vehicle should be driven, propelled or allowed to stand on any sidewalk, except for the purpose of crossing same when necessary, and then only in shortest possible way from street to abutting premises.

No vehicle shall emerge from an alley, stable, garage or other area or building abutting on a sidewalk at a pace faster than a walk.

11. SIGNALS AND HORNS.

A signal shall be given by all vehicles to those behind when slowing or stopping, by raising the whip or hand horizontally when physically possible.

A visible or audible signal shall be given by all vehicles when turning while in motion, or in starting to turn from a standstill, indicating the direction in which turn is to be made.

Before backing, ample warning shall be given by visible or audible signal, and while backing watch carefully to avoid injuring those behind.

Vehicles must stop in such a way as not to interfere with passage of pedestrians at crossings, always avoiding projection of horse or vehicle within five feet of crossing.

Patrolmen when halting traffic will face the line of traffic to be halted, extend arms at angle of 90 degrees, palms of hand outward. When traffic has stopped, arms will be dropped to side.

Every operator of motor vehicle shall sound his horn

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when overtaking any person, vehicle, horse or other animal upon a highway, and shall sound his horn when approaching street crossing, rounding a curve or corner or places where any sign appears, such as "danger—blow your horn."

The use of muffler cut-out upon motor vehicles or any other vehicle is prohibited.

In starting, a little smoke is sometimes unavoidable, but continuous smoke is not, and is prohibited.

When signaled to do so by the driver of horse or other animal, operator shall stop motor vehicle, and, if required, shall stop his engine until all danger has been avoided.

In case of injury or damage to person or property, due to operation of a vehicle, operator or driver of vehicle shall stop, and, upon request of person injured, or any one present, shall give his name and address and that of owner of vehicle.

Any operator of any vehicle shall stop upon request of police officer in uniform or exhibiting his badge. Any operator shall exhibit certificate and license upon request, and shall furnish all information as to his identity and that of car owner.

III. RIGHT OF WAY.

Police, fire department, fire patrol, traffic emergency repair, U. S. Mail vehicles and ambulances for persons and animals shall have the right of way in any street and through any procession.

Physicians' vehicles bearing "Red Cross" or other insignia of the profession will be permitted to pass by traffic officers as soon as possible and not be unnecessarily delayed.

The driver of any vehicle proceeding upon the track in front of street car shall turn out upon the signal by motor-man or car driver.

A vehicle waiting at curb shall promptly give way to another about to take on or let off passengers or merchandise.

Driver of vehicle, on approach of fire engine or other fire apparatus, shall immediately draw vehicle as near as practicable to right-hand curb, parallel thereto, and come to a standstill.

During blockades and stoppages a clear space shall be kept open between all street cars at crossings.

Funeral processions on their way to cemetery have right of way over other vehicles, and the latter are forbidden to drive through them, except as noted in Article 1, No. III.

Drivers of all vehicles must look out for and give right of way to vehicles approaching from their right at street intersections.

IV. SPEED.

No vehicle shall proceed at greater speed than the laws allows, and is safe and proper under conditions then obtaining. Where "danger—run slow" signs appear, speed must not exceed legal minimum speed.

No vehicle shall cross any street or avenue, or make any turn at a dangerous speed, and shall not exceed the legal limit.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle recklessly, and only at rate of speed that is proper, considering traffic at the time and the width of the highway, so as not to endanger life and property.

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V. CONTROL OF HORSES AND VEHICLES.

Before leaving any motor vehicle unattended out of sight, driver shall stop engine, disengage it and set emergency brake; or, if an electric vehicle, he must remove plug and set emergency brake.

VI. VEHICLES.

No vehicles shall be stopped or commence to unload on any car tracks street so as to arrest passage of street cars.

No one in any street or highway shall drive a vehicle that is so covered in or constructed as to prevent the driver thereof from having sufficient view of the traffic at the sides and in front of such vehicle.

No one shall drive or conduct any vehicle in such condition, or so constructed, or so loaded as to be likely to cause accident or injury to man or beast.

No one shall load a vehicle with iron or other material without deadening so that the material may not strike together and cause unnecessary noise.

No one shall load any vehicle with ashes, coal, mortar, snow or similar materials so that the matter is scattered along the streets. Drivers of such wagons are liable to arrest.

VII. RESPECTIVE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF DRIVERS AND PEDESTRIANS.

Roadbeds of highways and streets are primarily intended for use of vehicles, but pedestrians have right to cross them in safety, and drivers of vehicles must exercise all possible care not to injure. Pedestrians should never step

from sidewalk to roadbed without first looking to see what is approaching, and should not heedlessly interfere with passage of vehicles.

Hand-drawn vehicles and pedestrians should habitually cross street intersections only and at right angles, as promptly as possible.

Pedestrians must be cautious, particularly in crossing alleys and obvious entrances for vehicles into buildings and area.

VIII. LIGHTS ON VEHICLES.

All vehicles must carry between sunset and sunrise a light or lights in a conspicuous position, so as to be readily seen from front.

Motor vehicles from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise must show at least two (2) white lights, visible not less than 200 feet in direction vehicle is going, and except upon motorcycles need display one red light visible in opposite direction; motorcycles need display only one (1) white light in direction they are going.

Light of the rear signal lamp must be thrown on rear license tag; and said tag must be kept clean from oil, grit and mud.

IX. DEFINITIONS.

Word "vehicle" includes equestrians, horses hitched to vehicle, led horses, and everything including gasoline and electric cars, on wheels or runners, except street cars, invalid chairs and baby carriages.

Word "driver" includes the rider and driver of a horse, rider of bicycle and operator of motor vehicle or street car.

Word "curb" shall mean the lateral boundary of that

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portion of street designated for use of vehicles, whether marked by curbstones or not so marked.

X PENALTY.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this act not heretofore provided for, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than one (\$1.00) Dollar nor more than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, and the costs of prosecution, and may be confined in the City or County Jail for a period not to exceed sixty days, or both, at the discretion of the Mayor.

XI All ordinances and parts of ordinances in so far as they are in conflict with this ordinance, are hereby repealed.

XII This ordinance shall be in force from and after its adoption.

Passed by the common council of the City of Follansbee, this 22nd day of May, 1915.

BENJ. WILLIAMS,
Mayor.

Attest: **WM. H. LAKE,**
Clerk.

The officers of the City of Follansbee hope that you will realize that this ordinance was enacted for your benefit,—to protect your life and property,—and not as a restriction. It must be obeyed, unless you desire me to enforce by fine and imprisonment.

BENJ. WILLIAMS, Mayor.

