

Ordinance #27

An ORDINANCE for the regulation of Street traffic in the village of Morley, Michigan, and to repeal all ordinances inconsistent therewith.

The Common Council of the village of Morley, Michigan, doth ordain as follows:

DEFINITIONS

Vehicle-

The word "vehicle" includes everything on wheels or runners except baby carriages.

Driver-

The word "driver" includes the driver or operator of any vehicle.

Parking-

The word "parking" for the purpose of this ordinance is hereby defined to mean the standing of any vehicle in the street, alley, or public place in the Village of Morley, either in charge of a driver or without a driver, for a longer period than is necessary to actually load or unload said vehicle or take on or let off passengers.

Street Intersections-

The word "street intersections" mean the area bounded by the side lines, produced where two streets meet or cross each other.

Horse-

The word "horse" shall include any and all domestic driving animals.

RULES TO BE OBSERVED:

Section 1 The driver or operator of every vehicle driven or operated upon the streets, highways or public places within the limits of the village of Morley shall conform to and observe the following rules.

VEHICLES--HOW TO BE DRIVEN:

Section 2 Vehicles shall be driven in a careful manner and with due regard to the safety and convenience of pedestrians and of other vehicles, provided that the driving of vehicles past the school building during the school term, and for the space of 100 feet in any direction from the public school line boundaries at a speed greater than 35 miles per hour shall be and is hereby declared to be driving a vehicle in OTHER than a careful manner and without due regard for the safety of pedestrians, school children and of other vehicles.

(b) When one vehicle overtakes another it shall pass to the left side of the overtaken vehicle and shall not pull over to the right until clear thereof.

(c) All vehicles meeting shall pass each other to the right.

(d) Vehicles shall keep to the right side of the street except when necessary to turn to the left in crossing or overtaking another vehicle.

(e) Vehicles turning to the right into another street shall pass and turn the corner as near to the right hand curb as possible.

(f) Vehicles of Cass street from Second to Fourth streets desiring to make a left hand turn on to any other street shall do so only at a street intersection and passing to the right of the center of the street intersection before turning.

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(g) Cass street from the southern corporation line to the northern corporation line shall hereafter be designated and known as a "through traffic street" and vehicles approaching such "through traffic street" shall come to a dead stop before entering such street and shall then exercise due caution in entering the line of traffic.

(h) Drivers or operators of vehicles, before turning, stopping, backing or changing their course, shall make sure that such movement can be made safely and shall give a plain signal to others on the street, by extending or raising the hand or by such other adequate signal as may be approved by the President of the village.

(i) It shall be unlawful for more than three adults to ride in the front or driver's seat of any motor car.

PROCESSIONS:

Sec. 3 - No vehicle shall be driven through a procession except with the permission of a police officer.

CROSSWALKS

Sec. 4 No vehicle shall stop on any cross walk for a longer time than is necessary to permit the occupants to alight or persons to enter said vehicle, or in such manner as to obstruct the free passage upon said cross walk.

FIRE HYDRANTS:

Sec. 5 No vehicle shall be left standing within 15 feet of any fire hydrant in the village of Morley.

NOT TO DRIVE WHEN INTOXICATED:

Sec. 6 No person while under the influence of liquor or drugs shall drive any kind of a vehicle upon the streets or public places or highways of the village of Morley.

NOISE, ODORS ETC.,

Sec. 7 It shall be deemed a violation of this ordinance for any person in charge or control of any vehicle to make with such vehicle or any device connected therewith, and excessive or unnecessary noise, or to open the muffler on any vehicle, or permit such vehicle or any device thereon to emit smoke, steam or offensive odors within the streets, highways or public places of said village of Morley.

MOTORCYCLES AND BICYCLES:

Sec 8 It shall be unlawful for persons to ride bicycles or motorcycles on the streets, highways or public places, curving to and fro thereon, or to ride bicycles or motorcycles without having their hands on the handle bars or for more than two persons to ride such bicycles or motorcycles abreast, and bicycles and motorcycles shall be ridden as near as possible to the right hand curb. No person shall be carried on the handle bars or any other part of the vehicle in front of the driver of a bicycle or motorcycle on any street said village. Every person riding or propelling a bicycle or motorcycle shall be provided with a suitable bell or gong.

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RIDING ON SIDEWALKS OR LAWNS:

Sec. 9 No person shall ride any bicycle or motorcycle upon any side-walk or any place designated or kept for the use of persons on foot only, within the limits of Morley and no person shall ride such vehicle upon any of the lawns of any improved streets in said village.

SPEED:

Sec. 10 Licensed motor vehicles shall be driven at a rate not to exceed 5 miles per hour in the business portion of said village (from second street north to fifth street), and outside of this business portion of said village at a rate of speed not to exceed 20 miles per hour provided that no vehicle shall emerge from any alley, garage, stable, area, or any place of business, faster than a walk and shall sound audible warning of its exit.

STOP WHEN SIGNALLED:

Sec. 11 The driver of any vehicle shall stop and start upon the signal from the Village Marshal or any police officer.

SIGNAL DEVICE:

Sec. 12 Every motor vehicle or motorcycle while being used upon the streets, alleys and public places of this village, shall be provided with a suitable bell, horn or other signal device and it shall be unlawful for any person to use any device which will not produce an abrupt sound sufficiently loud to serve as an adequate warning of danger, and it shall be unlawful for any person operating any motor vehicle or motorcycle to make or cause to be made any UNNECESSARY noise with any bell, horn or other signal device, or to use the same except as a warning of danger.

BLOCKADE:

Sec. 13 No vehicle shall be allowed to remain upon or be driven through any street of the village of Morley so as to blockade or obstruct said street or any private drive entering said street; and no vehicle shall be so loaded that the horse, horses or motive power shall be unable to move it.

SCATTERING IN STREETS FROM WAGON:

Sec. 14 All vehicles must be so loaded or constructed as to prevent the blowing, spilling or falling to the street of any of the material or contents of such load.

GLASS, TACKS, SPRINKLING ETC.,

Sec. 15 It shall be unlawful for any person to throw scatter, sweep, deposit, place or leave in any public street or alley of said village, any glass, tacks, crockery, scrap iron, nails, tin, wire, electric light carbons, ashes or broken ice from ice-wagons or other wagons, or any thing or substance liable to cause puncture of the tires of such vehicles, or that would interfere with the use of rubber-tired vehicles, and the excessive sprinkling of any street, alley or any other public place by any person or persons to such an extent as to leave standing water or mud thereon, is hereby expressly forbidden.

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TOWING LOADED VEHICLES:

Sec. 16 No person shall cause or permit more than one loaded vehicle not run by its own motive power to be towed or pushed by another vehicle in any street of such village. No person or persons shall drive or propel on any street of said village, any vehicle having metal spikes, lugs, or corrugations projecting from the face of the tire, nor shall any motor vehicle be used on said street in such manner or condition as to damage the pavement in any way. No person shall drive or propel any vehicle on Cass street with the wheels locked or placed in shoes, or with any device which allows the wheels or other portion of the vehicle to be dragged.

PARKING (Miscellaneous)

Sec. 17 No vehicle shall be parked in any street in Morley opposite a building in the process of construction, rebuilding, or repairing, material for which is stored in the street or a portion thereof, or opposite any portion of a street under construction or repair. No vehicle shall be parked on Cass street so as to take up more space than the space that is marked off for one vehicle. Parallel parking on Cass St. between 2nd & 4th street only.

HORSES:

Sec. 18 No person shall ride or drive or cause or suffer to be ridden or driven, any horses in or through any public street, lane or alley of this village at any immoderate speed. No person shall permit any horse to stand in any public street, alley or public place in said village, without being securely tied, fastened, guarded or held.

CLOSED VEHICLES:

Sec. 20 (a) Each and every vehicle operated and driven upon the public streets or highways of this village, shall, during the period from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, when in motion, display a light or lights, so placed as to be seen from the front and rear; if dash lantern is carried it shall be placed on the left hand side; such light or lights placed on the front of the vehicle shall be sufficient illuminating power to be visible at a distance of two hundred feet in the direction toward which the vehicle is proceeding, said light or lights shall show white in front and red in the rear, provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any oil tank wagon containing and used to transport in bulk any product of petroleum or any-hydrocarbon liquid that will flash or emit an inflammable vapor below the temperature of one hundred degrees Fahrenheit.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person operating any automobile, motorcycle, or other vehicle, while operating the same upon the public streets or highways of said village, to use acetylene, electric or other headlight the rays of which shall be intensified by any parabolic or condensing reflector, provided, that said headlight may be used if properly shaded or adjusted so as not to blind, dazzle or confuse other users of the highways or make it difficult or unsafe for them to ride, drive or walk thereon.

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SLOWLY MOVING VEHICLES:

Sec. 21 Slowly moving vehicles shall not be driven upon the streets and highways abreast, but one must follow behind the other and keep as near to the right hand curb as possible, allowing more swiftly moving vehicles free passage to their left.

TO MOVE UPON REQUEST:

Sec. 22 Any vehicle standing at any curb at any time, shall move away from such curb at the request of a police officer for any good reason.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RIGHT OF WAY:

Sec. 23 The officers and men with their fire apparatus of all kinds, when going to or on duty at, or returning from a fire or other call, and ambulances, shall have the right of way in any street and through any procession.

The following is to be added to section twenty-three of the proposed traffic ordinance, in the Village of Morley.

No vehicle shall follow within two hundred feet of any fire apparatus, except such vehicles as may be driven by firemen while on duty, and no vehicle shall be parked within one block of any fire hydrant during a fire, excepting vehicle's driven by a fireman and necessary to be used in fighting any fire or fires.

BACKING TO CURB:

Sec 24 No person shall permit a vehicle in his charge to be backed up to the curb for unloading except when loaded with some article that shall make it absolutely necessary that it be unloaded from the rear of such vehicle and in no event shall it be permissible for any vehicle to remain in that position for a longer period of time than thirty minutes. The tractor attached to any trailer backed to the curb shall be turned with the curb and in the direction in which the traffic is required to move upon the same side of the street.

SIGNS:

Sec. 25 No person shall deface, injure, remove or interfere with any sign, post standard, or any signalling device installed or placed for the purpose of directing, instructing or regulating traffic or establishing "quiet" or "safety" zones.

(b) No person shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any instruction, direction or regulation displayed upon post, standard, sign or device installed or placed for the regulation or instruction of traffic in any public street.

HITCHING TO VEHICLES:

Sec. 26 It shall be deemed a violation of this ordinance for any person to hitch to or get on or take passage on any vehicle which is passing through or upon any of the streets of this village without the consent of the driver or operator of such vehicle.

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PRESIDENT OR MARSHAL TO CONTROL:

Sec. 27 The president or marshal of said village shall have powers and duties in relation to the management of vehicular traffic. Whenever the president or marshal shall deem it advisable for the public safety or convenience temporarily to close any street, or parts of streets, to vehicular traffic, or to vehicles of certain description, or to divert the traffic thereon, or to divert or direct the course of pedestrian travel, said president or marshal shall have power and authority to do so.

WARNING SIGNAL:

Sec 28 No person shall drive any vehicle the contents of which shall project more than three feet from the rear of such vehicle without fastening upon the projecting part of a load a red cloth of sufficient size to be a warning.

ACCIDENTS:

Sec. 29 In case of accident to or collision with person or property upon any of the public streets, parks, or public places of the village of Morley due to the driving or operation thereon of any such vehicle, the person so driving or operating such vehicle shall stop and give such reasonable assistance as can be given, and shall upon request of the person injured or any other person, give such person his or her name and address, and if not the owner, also the name and address of the owner of such vehicle together with the registered number of such vehicle, in case such vehicle is motor propelled or licensed.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT:

Sec. 30 No person or persons shall congregate on sidewalk so as to prohibit or obstruct the passage of pedestrians.

(b) No person or persons shall make any indecent exposure on any public street or building in the village of Morley.

VIOLATION OF A POLICE ORDER:

Sec. 31 Violation of a police order, or order of the president of said village, issued under and in pursuance of this ordinance shall constitute a violation of this ordinance and be subject to the penalties herein prescribed.

PENALTY:

Sec. 32 Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the common jail of Macosta County for a period not more than ninety days, or both in the discretion of the court for every such violation.

VALIDITY:

Sec. 33 Should any of the courts of the county or state declare any section or provision of this ordinance unconstitutional or unauthorized, or in conflict with any other section or provision of this ordinance, then such decision shall effect only the section or provision so declared to be unconstitutional or unauthorized and shall not effect any other section or part of

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this ordinance.

REPEALING CLAUSE:

Sec. 34 All ordinances or parts of ordinances heretofore adopted by the Common Council of this village of Morley that in any wise conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after its enactment, viz.

Passed and approved by the Common Council of this Village of Morley, Michigan, in regular session held

This is to certify that I have posted ordinance # 27 in accordance with law. this 1st day of May 1939.

a/ H. L. Soper Village Clerk

This is to certify that I have this day posted amendment to sect 17 of ordinance #27 this 23rd of June 1939.

a/ H. L. Soper Village Clerk

True copy of original typewritten ordinance.