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ORDINANCE NO. 176-A

An Ordinance regulating the use of streets, alleys and highways within the City of O'Neill, Holt county, Nebraska, by vehicles; regulating the speed of motor vehicles and providing rules and regulations for the use of vehicles upon the streets and alleys within the City of O'Neill, Nebraska, and providing regulations for standing or parking vehicles upon said streets and repealing Ordinances No. 88-A and No. 54-A, and providing penalties for violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF O'NEILL, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. ENFORCEMENT. The Chief of Police and all regular and special policemen are hereby authorized, empowered and ordered to exercise all powers and duties with relation to the management of street traffic and to direct, control, stop, restrict, and regulate, and when necessary, temporarily divert or exclude, in the interest of public safety, health, and convenience, the movement of pedestrians, animals and vehicular traffic of every kind, in streets and alleys in this city.

Section 2. SPEED, WITHIN CORPORATE LIMITS OF CITY, EXCEPTIONS. No person shall drive a vehicle on any street within the city at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard for the traffic and roadway and the condition of the street, or at a rate of speed greater than twenty miles per hour within the CONGESTED DISTRICT or at a rate of speed greater than twenty-five miles per hour on Arterial streets or elsewhere within the corporate limits of said city, except as otherwise herein limited within the congested district. At all times the driver or operator of any vehicle operated on any street, alley or public highway in said city shall have such vehicle under complete control: Provided, that the speed limits in this section shall not apply to physicians, surgeons, police or fire vehicles or ambulances when answering calls demanding excessive speed. Speed limits shall be plainly indicated by appropriate signs or standards at or near the entrance to all streets within the congested district and on all main traveled highways or near their approach to the corporate limits.

Section 3. RECKLESS DRIVING. No vehicle shall be driven, used, operated, parked or stopped in a careless, reckless or negligent manner, or in such a manner as to endanger life, limb, person or property, nor in such manner as to endanger or interfere with the lawful traffic or use of the streets.

Section 4. INTERSECTION, PASSING AT. No vehicle shall pass, or attempt to pass, another vehicle going in the same direction while traversing any street intersection.

Section 5. WARNING WHEN BACKING. Before backing ample warning shall be given, and while backing unceasing vigilance must be exercised not to injure those behind. The driver of a parked vehicle about to start shall give moving vehicles the right-of-way.

Section 6. FUNERAL PROCESSION. No vehicle shall be driven through any funeral procession or any authorized parade.

Section 7. WHO MAY DRIVE. No person under sixteen years of age, nor any intoxicated person, shall drive a motor vehicle upon any public street within this city, and no owner or person in control of any motor vehicle shall permit a person under sixteen years of age, or while intoxicated, to drive such motor vehicle.

Section 8. METHODS OF TURNING AT INTERSECTIONS, RIGHT HAND; PUBLIC BUILDINGS, HOW APPROACHED. Vehicles turning into another street to the right must turn the corner so as to keep between the curb to the right and center of the intersection of the two streets. Vehicles approaching a railway station, theater, church or school or any other public building or crowded space, must do so in an especially cautious manner and always by way of the right side of the street.

Section 9. RULES OF THE ROAD: MOTOR VEHICLES, METHOD OF TURNING, LEFT HAND; TURNED AT INTERSECTIONS ONLY, EXCEPTIONS; PASSING AND MEETING; VEHICLE FOLLOWING ANOTHER; VEHICLES STAND OR MOVE ON RIGHT SIDE OF HIGHWAYS; RIGHT OF WAY; SLOWLY MOVING VEHICLES, OPERATED ON RIGHT HALF OF STREETS. Vehicles turning into another street to the left must turn the corner so as to keep between the curb to the right and the stop button or center of the intersection of the two streets. Whenever any person traveling with a vehicle or conveyance shall overtake another vehicle or conveyance traveling in the same direction, he shall, by sound or call, indicate to the driver thereof, his or her desire to pass. It shall then be the duty of the driver of the other vehicle or conveyance in front, if the nature of the ground or if the condition of the load will permit, promptly to turn to the right of the center of the street, and the driver of the vehicle or conveyance behind shall then turn to the left side of the center of the street and pass without interfering or interrupting; and the driver of said vehicle or conveyance passing shall not turn to the center of the street until at least thirty feet beyond the vehicle or conveyance just passed. The operator of a vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent having regard for the speed of such vehicle and the traffic upon and the condition of the street. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any persons operating a motor vehicle on the streets and highways within the corporate limits of this city to allow or permit the same to remain stationary at any place in said streets, to propel the same or to cause such vehicle to be propelled along said streets and highways unless said vehicles are standing or moving along the right side of said highways, depending in each case upon the direction in which said motor vehicle is proceeding. The driver of a vehicle shall not drive to the left side of the center line of a street in overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, or a vehicle parked at the curb, unless such left side is clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit such overtaking and passing to be made in safety. In the event motor vehicles meet at intersections, the motorist shall have the right of way over all cars approaching from the left, other things being equal. No vehicle shall cross from one side of the street to the other except at a street intersection. Vehicles moving in opposite directions must pass each other by keeping to the right, each giving to the other an equal portion of the street. Vehicles moving slowly shall keep as close as possible to the curb on the right, allowing more swiftly moving vehicles free passage to their left.

Section 10. POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES. Vehicles of the police and fire department shall have the right-of-way in any street and through any procession.

Section 11. No vehicle shall be permitted to stand within twenty feet of any street intersection, nor shall any vehicle be permitted to stand or be parked in front of any alley.

Section 12. All vehicles left standing between Clay and Fremont streets on Fourth street, shall be parked on the sides of said Fourth street. Those on the West side of said street shall be parked so that they face the southwest at an angle of approximately 30 degrees. Those on the East side of said street shall be parked so that they face the northeast at an angle of approximately 30 degrees.

Section 13. All vehicles left standing between Second and Sixth Streets on Douglas street shall be parked on the sides of said Douglas street. Those on the South side of said street shall be parked so that they face the southeast at an angle of approximately 30 degrees. Those on the north side of said street shall be parked so that they face the northwest at an angle of approximately 30 degrees.

Section 14. No vehicle shall be permitted to cease moving while in the center of said Fourth street between Clay and Fremont streets, nor while in the center of said Douglas street between Second and Sixth streets.

Section 15. No Vehicle shall be permitted to make a "U" turn on the intersection of Fourth and Douglas streets.

Section 16. It is hereby declared unlawful for any person or persons in charge of a truck, with or without trailers, attended or unattended, to park such vehicles or to permit them to stand attended or unattended for any period of time within the following areas within the City of O'Neill, Nebraska: On Douglas street between Third and Fifth street and on Fourth street between Everett and Clay streets.

Section 17. It is hereby declared unlawful for any body or person in charge of a motor vehicle to park the same on any street or highway within the City of O'Neill, Nebraska, within fifteen feet of either side of the center line of said street or highway.

Section 18. It is hereby declared unlawful for any person to cause to be parked any motor vehicle measuring more than twenty feet at any angle within the City of O'Neill, Nebraska, but all such vehicles measuring more than twenty feet shall park parallel to the center of said highway and parallel to the curb.

Section 19. When parking spaces or stalls are marked or parked off on the pavement or curb, vehicles should be parked within such marked spaces. The Mayor and Council may from time to time mark off, or cause to be designated appropriate arrows on the curb or pavement where motor vehicles are to park.

Section 20. LIGHTS, DIMMERS, BRAKES, TAIL LIGHTS, HORN;

CLEARANCE LIGHTS. Every motor vehicle while in use on the streets, alleys or public highways of this city shall be equipped with efficient brakes adequate to stop the movement of and to stop and hold such vehicle, including two separate means of applying the brakes, and shall be further equipped with a good and sufficient horn in good working order or other efficient signal devices, and shall have, from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise, two or more whitish lights on the front thereof, one on each side, which lights shall be plainly visible from the direction in which such vehicle is proceeding; which lights and all other lighting devices used on such vehicles shall be in compliance with the laws of the State of Nebraska. No person shall operate any motor or other vehicle which is equipped with an electric light or lights that give off light which confuses travelers or pedestrians on streets or crosswalks within the corporate limits of the City of O'Neill. Every motor vehicle having a width of eighty inches or more shall display clearance lights as required by the laws of the State of Nebraska. All vehicle brakes shall be maintained in good working order. Vehicles while in operation between the hours of one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise shall have a red light plainly visible from the rear of said vehicle. Every motor cycle while in use on the streets, alleys or public highways of this city from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise shall have one whitish light on the front thereof, plainly visible from the front, and one red light plainly visible from the rear thereof. Every person riding a bicycle during the above period shall carry a red light plainly visible from the rear.

Section 21. UNNECESSARY NOISE, MUFFLERS. Every motor vehicle (except electric) operating on the streets of this city shall be equipped with an adequate muffler, which shall not be cut out when used on the street. No person operating a vehicle shall permit the pipes, muffler or other devices to emit sounds of exhaust in a loud or annoying manner and all such vehicles shall be operated in as noiseless a manner as possible: Provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the apparatus of the fire department.

Section 22. GLASS, NAILS AND TACKS. No person shall throw, cast, lay or place upon any street or alley within this city any tacks, nails, glass, bottles, window glass or other articles made of or containing glass, and in case of an accident causing the breaking of any glass upon any such street or alley, 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 from the street.

Section 23. TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS, PLACING OF. The Mayor and Council may by resolution provide for the placing of stop signs, or other signs, signals, standards or other mechanical devices in any street or alley for the purpose of regulating or prohibiting traffic thereon. It shall be unlawful for any person to fail, neglect or refuse to comply with said regulation or prohibition.

Section 24. VEHICLES WITH PROJECTING LOADS. Between the period of one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise, all of said vehicles, if loaded with projecting material, must carry a red light at the extreme outer end of such material and, at all other hours, a red flag 12x12 inches shall be displayed.

Section 25. SIGNALS, TURNING AND STOPPING. (a) No person shall turn a vehicle from the direct course upon a highway unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety, and then only after giving a clearly audible signal by sounding the horn if any pedestrian may be affected by such movement and after giving an appropriate signal in the manner hereinafter provided in the event any other vehicle may be affected by such movement. (b) A signal of intention to turn right or left shall be given continuously during not less than the last fifty feet traveled by the vehicle before turning. (c) No person shall stop or suddenly decrease the speed of a vehicle without first giving an appropriate signal in the manner provided herein to the driver of any vehicle immediately to the rear when there is opportunity to give such signal.

Section 26. SAME, SIGNAL BY HAND; SIGNAL DEVICES; SIGNALS, HOW GIVEN. The signals herein required shall be given either by means of the hand and arm or by a signal lamp or device of a type approved by the Department of Roads and Irrigation, but when a vehicle is so constructed or loaded that a hand and arm signal would not be visible both to the front and the rear of such vehicle the said signal must be given by such a lamp or device. All signals herein required given by hand and arm shall be given from the left side of the vehicle in the following manner and such signals indicated as follows: (1) Left turn—Arm and hand extended horizontally; (2) Right turn—Hand and arm extended upward; (3) Stop or decrease speed—Hand and arm extended downward.

Section 27. SIREN SIGNALING DEVICES, PROHIBITED, EXCEPTIONS. Siren signaling devices, shall not be used on any vehicle except those operated by the Police Department, Fire Department, the Sheriff, and authorized utility vehicles when on emergency calls.

Section 28. STREET OBSTRUCTIONS BY VEHICLES, PROHIBITED; EXCEPTIONS, CASES OF EMERGENCY. No vehicle shall, except in case of accident or emergency, stop within any street, intersection or alley entrance, nor in such location as to obstruct any street crossing, crosswalk, or alley entrance, nor back of other vehicles parked at the curb.

Section 29. All the rules and regulations prescribed by the State Highway Department are hereby made a part hereof.

Section 30. That Ordinance No. 88-A and Ordinance No. 54-A, be, and the same hereby are repealed.

Section 31. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined in a sum not less than \$2.00 nor more than Five Dollars for each offense and pay the costs of prosecution and shall stand committed to the City Jail until the fine and costs are paid.

Section 32. This Ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage, approval and publication.

Dated this 3rd day of August, A. D., 1937.
 JOHN KERSENBROCK,
 Mayor.

Attest:
 C. W. Porter, City Clerk.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 Sunday School at 10 a. m.—C. E. Yantzi, superintendent.
 Morning Worship at 11 a. m.—"The King's Invitation."

Evening Service at 8 p. m.—This will be a union service at the Methodist church.
 We invite you to the above services.
 H. D. Johnson, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES
 Morning Worship 9 a. m.—Special music, Lewis Cambre. Reception of members. Baptism of children.
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SPEED AND STOPPING DISTANCES

MILES PER HOUR	FEET PER SECOND	STOPPING DISTANCE	THINKING DISTANCE
20	29	40 FT.	18'
30	44	73 FT.	33'
40	59	113 FT.	44'
50	74	166 FT.	55'
60	88	226 FT.	66'
70	103	295 FT.	77'

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How Quick Can You Stop?

The above chart shows stopping distances at various speeds of an automobile. They are based on cars with brakes in good condition and on dry pavement or hard surfaced road. The distances would be greater on dirt or graveled roads. It will be noted from the top illustration, indicating a speed of 20 miles per hour, that the time required to react after the necessity for stopping is seen is greater than that of stopping after the brake has been applied. The average driver will start applying the brake three-fourths of a second after he has seen the need to stop.

It will also be noted that the stopping distances increases at a greater rate than the speed. With 40 feet needed to stop at 20 miles per hour, nearly twice that distance is needed to stop at 30 miles per hour, and at double 20 miles per hour, nearly three times as much space is needed. The time required to react remains in direct proportion to the speed, but the ability of the brakes to stop the car decreases as speed goes up. With 18 feet required to stop the car after the brakes have been applied at 20 miles per hour, it will be noted that at 60 miles an hour or three times as fast, that 160 feet are needed to effect a stop after the brakes are applied, which is nearly nine times the distance at 20 miles per hour. It is well to remember this. Should a child run into the street in front of you while driving at 30 miles per hour, you would need one-quarter of a block in which to stop, if your brakes are in good condition and you are an average driver.

Traffic Violations are increasing daily—motor vehicle accidents also are greater as the speed mania grips the nation and carelessness in driving remains unchecked. A comprehensive study of this ever-present problem is being sponsored by this group of O'Neill merchants who are presenting this "Drive With Safety" Campaign.

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