

Ordinance No. 68

An Ordinance in relation to automobiles and other motor vehicles, defining the same; regulating their use and operation upon streets and alleys, and providing a penalty for violations of this ordinance.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of Wathena:

Sec. 1. The words and phrases used in this ordinance shall, for the purpose of this ordinance, be construed as follows: "Motor Vehicles" shall include all vehicles propelled by any power other than muscular power, excepting however, traction engines, road rollers and vehicles which run only on rails and tracks.

Sec. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person under fourteen years of age or for any intoxicated person, to operate a motor vehicle, and any owner or dealer in motor vehicles who permits a person under fourteen years of age or an intoxicated person to operate a motor vehicle shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as hereinafter provided for violation of the provisions of this ordinance.

Sec. 3. No person shall operate a motor vehicle on any street or alley at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard for the traffic and use of the street and alley or condition of the same, nor at a rate of speed such as to endanger the life or limb of any person; and within this City no motor shall be operated at a speed greater than twelve miles per hour. Upon approaching any street intersection the operator of a motor vehicle shall designate the direction he shall take at said street intersection by sounding one alarm of the warning signal for a straight ahead course, two alarms for turning to the right, or three alarms for turning to the left onto the intersecting street. Provided, that the speed limits in this section shall not apply to physicians or surgeons when answering emergency calls demanding excessive speed.

Sec. 4. Every motor vehicle while in use on streets or alleys shall be provided with good and sufficient brakes, also with a suitable bell, horn or other signal to be regulated by the Mayor and council of this city, and shall have exhibited during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, one or more lamps showing white lights visible within a reasonable distance from the direction toward which such motor vehicle is proceeding, and a red light visible from the reverse direction.

Sec. 5. Penalty. The violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars for each offense.

Sec. 6. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on and after its publication in the Wathena Republican.

Passed by the Council April 18, 1916.  
Approved by the Mayor, April 18, 1916.

Ernest Fuger, Mayor.

Attest: L. Poirier, City Clerk.