ORDINANCE NO. 237

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTINGUISHING OR CONTROL FROM SUNSET TO SUNRISE OF LIGHTED SIGNS, COMMERCIAL FLOODLIGHTING, DISPLAY LIGHTING, AMUSEMENT PLACES, GROUND AREA AND INDUSTRIAL ILLUMINATION; PROVIDING FOR THE SHIELDING OF ILLUMINATED SIGNS OR SIGNALS UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL; EXCEPTING NAVIGATION LIGHTS AND RAILROAD SIGNALS; PROVIDING THAT STREET AND HIGHWAY LIGHTS, RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL WINDOWS, INDUSTRIAL PLACES, AND VEHICLE HEADLIGHTS SHALL BE SHIELDED OR RESTRICTED; AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF TO ISSUE FURTHER REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PEANALTY FOR VIOLATIONS; DECLARING THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS WHICH REQUIRES THAT THIS ORDINANCE BECOME EFFECTIVE AT ONCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF VARIOUS PARTS OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SOLANO:

SECTION 1. During the now existing war, and while such war shall continue between the United States of America and any foreign power and at all times at night from sunset to sunrise, lighting within the unincorporated area of the County of Solano shall be extinguished or controlled as follows:

(a) Signs, Commercial Floodlighting, Display Lighting and Amusement Places. Illuminated signs and ornamental lighting of every description which are visible out-of-doors, and floodlighting which illuminates buildings or signs, including but not limited to all exterior advertising signs, billboards, display lighting, theatre marquees, building outline lighting and interior signs and ornamental lighting immediately within unobscured window areas, shall be extinguished. This provision is not intended to prohibit ordinary store show-window lighting of normal intensity, except as provided for in Section 2 of this ordinance.

(b) Ground Areas and Industrial Illumination. Illumination of outdoor areas shall be controlled as follows:

(1) Subject to the exceptions hereinafter stated, illuminations on all outdoor ground areas, including but not limited to automobile service station yards, outdoor parking areas, recreation areas, and entrances to buildings, shall not exceed one foot candle at any point, and all outdoor light sources shall be so shielded that no light is emitted upward. The foregoing sentence shall not apply to street and highway lights nor to the ground areas illuminated solely thereby, nor to the classes of illumination referred to in the next subparagraph hereof.

(2) All light sources for industrial and protective purposes, and light from industrial processes, shall be shielded or revised to as great an extent as may be practicable in order to eliminate or reduce to a minimum the amount of light which is emitted upward.

(c) Traffic Signs and Signals. All illuminated signs or signals which are authorized or maintained by governmental authority for the purpose of controlling street or highway traffic shall remain in operation, but shall be so shielded that no light is emitted upward.

(d) Navigation Lights and Railroad Signals. Authorized lights to facilitate air or water navigation, and authorized railroad signal lights, are hereby expressly excepted from all the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. In addition to the restrictions hereinafter imposed, illumination within that part of the Zone of Restricted Lighting, which is “visible from the sea” as herein-after defined, shall be further diminished or obscured at all times at night from sunset to sunrise as follows:
SECTION 2. In addition to the restrictions hereinbefore imposed, illumination within that part of the Zone of Restricted Lighting, which is "visible from the sea", as hereinafter defined, shall be further diminished or obscured at all times at night from sunset to sunrise as follows:

(a) Streets and Highway Lights. Street and highway lights in areas which are normally visible from the sea shall be so shielded that they are not visible from the sea at night, and so that no light is emitted upward.

(b) Residential, Commercial and Industrial Windows. No lighting shall be permitted behind windows or glazed doors visible from the sea unless they are covered by drapes or shades.

(c) Street and Highway Traffic. Within areas from which normal automobile headlights are visible from the sea all vehicles shall be subject to the following regulations:

(1) No vehicle shall operate during the night hours between sunset and sunrise with more than two illuminated driving lamps, regardless of the direction of travel. Each such lamp shall provide a maximum of not more than 250 beam candlepower.

(d) Industrial Fires. All light from industrial processes, and from industrial fires, such as light from refuse burners, kilns, and furnaces, which are visible from the sea, shall be so shielded that they are not visible from the sea at night, and so that no light is emitted upward.

(e) Except for the lights referred to in subparagraph 2 (c), and 2 (d) hereof, all other lights visible from the sea are prohibited at night, including but not limited to light from fires, bonfires, parked cars, flashlights and lanterns.

(f) The phrase "visible from the sea", as used herein, is intended and constructed to mean and include that which is visible from the waters of the Pacific Ocean.

(g) The Sheriff, subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors, is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to prepare and promulgate such rules and regulations and revisions and amendments thereof, as may, in his discretion be necessary to carry out the expressed intent of this ordinance. Said Rules and Regulations shall be published once in Vallejo Morning Times Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in Solano County, and shall become effective at five o'clock P.M. the day they are so published. Copy of said Rules and Regulations shall be filed at the office of the Sheriff of Solano County.

SECTION 3. Every person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars ($500.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 4. This ordinance is passed as an emergency measure, and the Board does, by the vote by which the ordinance is passed, hereby declare that a national emergency exists, which makes it imperative that this ordinance should become effective forthwith, the nature of said emergency being as follows: That a state of war now exists between the United States of America, the Empire of Japan, the government of the German Reich, the Kingdom of Italy and other foreign countries, and the possibility exists of an immediate air attack and/or submarine attack upon the western coast of the United States of America, including the County of Solano.
SECTION 6. Repeal. Any and all ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, but only to such extent as conflict may exist.

SECTION 7. Severability. If any provisions of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or citizen is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or the application thereof, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall be published once on or before the eighth day after its passage in Vallejo Morning Times Herald, a newspaper printed, published and circulated in the County of Solano.

Dan Foley

The foregoing ordinance was regularly introduced, passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Solano, State of California, at a regular session of said Board held on the 20th day of August 1942, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Brown, Danielson, Demmon, Schmeiser, and Foley
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of said Board this 20th day of August 1942.

Lewis Morrill  

Clerk