ORDINANCE #143.

AN ORDINANCE providing for the construction, maintenance and repair of steam and electric railway and street car crossings within the Town of Kent; declaring a violation of the same to be a nuisance and providing for an abatement thereof.

Section 1, Railroad Crossing Construction.

That every person or corporation constructing, maintaining or operating a steam or electric railroad or street car line within the Town of Kent, shall construct and maintain a good and sufficient crossing where its road-bed crosses public roads or streets now or hereafter to be built for public use; each crossing shall be constructed of the materials and in the manner following: On the outside of each rail shall be laid and securely spiked to the cross ties a plank not less than ten inches in width, four inches in thickness, nor less than the full width of the street in length to be of good and sound timber; the space between the rail shall be either planked with like planking for a like distance or graveled so that vehicles of all kinds may easily cross the same; and there shall be made or constructed good and sufficient approaches thereto of equal width and easy grade.

Section 2, Notice of Failure to Properly Construct Crossing.

If any person or corporation shall fail to construct, maintain, and repair crossings as provided for in Section 1 (1) hereof; then the municipal authority or officers having charge or control of the streets of the Town of Kent, shall notify such person or corporation of the necessity of the construction or repair thereof; which notice shall be in writing and shall be served by delivery of a copy thereof to the agent of the person or corporation most convenient.
to said crossing.

Section 3, ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE.

The building, operating or maintaining of any steam or electric railroad or street car track contrary to the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed a nuisance, and if the same be not abated by compliance herewith within ten (10) days from and after the service and receipt of the notice herein provided for the said Town of Kent may proceed to abate said nuisance under the general law or take such other lawful action as it shall seem best or may construct or repair such crossings and collect the expenses, thereof from the person or corporation failing and refusing to comply herewith.

Section 4, EFFECTIVE.

This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication.

Approved, April 16th, 1904.