ORDINANCE NO. 3

An Ordinance of the City of Kent, Washington, prescribing the rate of speed of all motor vehicles, and the number and kind of lights to be kept on the front and rear of such vehicles, and prescribing certain regulations as to the use of the streets, and providing for the punishment of all violations of this ordinance and repealing certain ordinances.

The City of Kent, Washington, do Ordain as follows:

Section one.

The term "Motor vehicle" shall include all vehicles or machines propelled by any power other than muscular, used upon the public highways for transportation of persons, freight, produce or any commodity, except traction engines temporarily upon the public highway, road rollers, or road making machines, and motor vehicles that run upon rails or tracks. If in the enforcement of this ordinance, the meaning of any term used herein, other than the above, should be called in question, the same shall be controlled by definitions of terms as provided in section 2 of Chapter 142 of the Laws of the State of Washington passed 1915.

Section two.

The authorized number plate of each vehicle shall be conspicuously to the front and rear, at least two feet above the ground and so fastened as to prevent swinging thereof, and each number plate shall be kept clean so as to be seen and read at all times.

Section three.

Every motor vehicle using an internal combustion engine, shall use an exhaust muffler, and the same shall not be cutout or disconnected within the limits of the City of Kent.

Section four.

Every motor vehicle shall exhibit during the hours of darkness at least two lamps, on the front, showing white lights visible two hundred feet or more, in advance of said vehicle, and one or more lamps in the rear thereof, showing red lights visible at least two hundred feet in the rear of such machine, and the same light or additional...
Casting white \textcolor{red}{\textasteriskcentered} rays of sufficient strength on the rear number plate thereof so that the number plate may be easily read at a distance of at least sixty feet: Provided, that a motor cycle shall be required to carry only one white light on the front thereof of equal strength and kind as that to be carried by other machine or motor vehicles and the red light provided for other motor vehicles; Provided further, that it shall be unlawful for any motor vehicle to display any red light on the front of such vehicle.

Section Five.

No person driving or operating any motor vehicle shall drive or operate the same in any other manner than a careful and prudent manner, nor at a greater rate of speed than is proper and reasonable under the circumstances and surroundings, having a due regard to the traffic and use of the street by others, or so as to endanger life and limb or property of others.

Section Six.

In no case shall any motor vehicle be driven, operated, or moved at a rate of speed faster than one mile in five minutes within the thickly settled or business portion of the City of Kent nor within one hundred yards of any school house, on school days between the hours of eight o'clock in the morning and six o'clock in the evening, nor without such thickly settled or business portion of the City of Kent at a greater rate of speed than one mile in three minutes.

Section Seven.

It shall be the rule of the road that every person driving a motor or other vehicle, or riding or driving any animals upon the streets of the City of Kent, Washington, shall, upon meeting any other person so using the street, seasonably turn to the right of the center of the street so as to pass without interference, and any person so using the highway shall, upon overtaking any other person so using the highway, pass to the left side thereof and the person so overtaken shall as soon as practicable turn to the right so as to allow free passage to the left.
Any person operating a motor or other vehicle or driving or riding any animal or animals shall, at the intersection of public streets keep to the right of the intersection of the center lines of such streets and turning to the right keep to the right of such point of intersection and in turning to the left keep to the right of such point of intersection and make the turn around the right hand side thereof: Provided, however, that a variance from this section made in good faith to avoid impending danger shall not subject the offender to arrest and punishment under this section; Provided, however, that if the dangerous situation is the result of fault of the offender it shall be no defence to the offender.

Section Eight.

Every person driving or operating a motor vehicle, on approaching any vehicle drawn by a horse or horses or a horse upon which any person is riding, shall operate, manage, control and guide such vehicle in such manner as to exercise reasonable precaution not to frighten such animal or animals and to insure the safety of the person riding or driving the same. If the horse or horses appear frightened, the person in control of the motor vehicle shall reduce the speed thereof and if requested by the raising of the hand of such driver or by other signal shall bring such motor vehicle to a full stop and shall not proceed further unless such movement be necessary to avoid accident or such horse or horses appear to be in control.

Section Nine.

The operator of every motor vehicle within the City of Kent, in case of accident or damage to any person or property shall at once stop and give his name and the number of his machine to the person injured or to the person whose property is damaged, and if not the owner thereof the name and address of the owner, and the name and address of the persons accompanying him or her.

Section Ten.

It shall be unlawful for any person to leave any motor vehicle standing in any street or alley within the City
of Kent, Washington, at any point nearer to any street crossing or alley crossing than twenty feet or to park the same at the curb on any street without the right hand of the driver being to the curb when the vehicle is brought to a standstill, or to allow the same standing on any street without the front and rear lights burning.

Section Eleven.

The rate of speed provided for in Motor vehicles in section six shall not apply to motor trucks and it shall be unlawful for motor trucks to travel at a greater rate of speed than 12 miles per hour in the residence section of the City of Kent, or at a greater rate of speed than 8 miles per hour in the thickly settled or business section or within 300 feet of a school house between 8 a.m. & 6 p.m. on school days in the section of the city of Kent, or to carry a heavier load with the truck weight than 8 tons.

Section Twelve.

The City Marshall of the City of Kent, Washington, or his deputies or any peace officers of the City of Kent are hereby authorized to arrest without warrant any person or persons found within the City of Kent violating this ordinance or any part of the same. If the marshall or any other person thereunto duly authorized to make arrests under this ordinance shall signal the offender to stop and he refuses so to do he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section Thirteen.

If for any reason any section, sections or part of section shall be declared unconstitutional it shall not affect the remainder of the ordinance.

Section Fourteen.

It shall be unlawful for traction engines, steam rollers, or any heavy road building machinery to go upon any of the paved streets except in case of absolute necessity, in which case plank of sufficient thickness and strength shall be laid on the pavement for them to travel upon and in no case shall they travel on the bare street.
Section Sixteen.
Any person or persons who shall violate any part of this ordinance upon conviction shall pay a fine of not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars or be imprisoned in the City or County jail for not less than five nor more than 90 days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section Seventeen.
Ordinance No.355 and ordinance No.295 are hereby repealed.

Section Eighteen.
This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington on the 17th day of April, 1916.
Approved by the mayor April 17th, 1916.

Attest April, 17th, 1916.

Approved as to form.
Lot Davis, City Attorney.
Setting Speed Limits & Regulations As to Use of Streets

Repealing Ord. 355 and Ord. 295

Repealed by Ord. 1963