AN ORDINANCE relating to the National Defense and providing for "Blackouts" during the existence of a state of war with any foreign power; defining offenses and prescribing penalties.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A "Black-out" is hereby defined as any period of time designated by Federal authorities during the existence of a state of war with any foreign powers, for extinguishing lights of all kinds.

The following acts shall be unlawful during such a period:

1. To congregate in groups of five (5) or more persons on any public sidewalk, street or place.

2. To display, or allow to be displayed, any light visible from out of doors or from any vehicle except lights prescribed for emergency vehicles and lights deemed necessary by the military authorities and made known by the Chief of Police.

3. To drive any emergency vehicle unless the lights be equipped as provided herein, or at a greater speed than twenty (20) miles per hour.

4. To drive any other vehicle at a greater speed than fifteen (15) miles per hour.

5. To sell any intoxicating liquors.

Emergency vehicles shall exhibit on the front wind-shield an insignia to be designated and furnished by the Chief of Police, and shall display only dim blue lights front and rear as follows:

Head and tail lights, stop lights, and license plate lights shall be painted with an opaque paint, except that a horizontal strip three inches (3") in length and one-half inch (½") wide shall be left open. The three-inch slit shall be located below the center of the head light and shall be covered with prussian blue paint or blue cellophane. Head lights of such vehicles
shall be provided with a hood projecting ten inches (10") in front of the headlight, to throw light not to exceed fifteen feet (15') ahead of the vehicle.

When deemed necessary for the protection of the public peace, health and safety the Chief of Police shall make rules and regulations concerning the "Black-outs" in addition to those prescribed in this ordinance, which shall have the force and effect of law until repealed by the City Council.

Section 2. This ordinance shall constitute an exercise by the City of its governmental functions for the protection of the public peace, health and safety, and neither the City nor any individual responding to regulations lawfully proclaimed shall be liable in a suit for damages in connection therewith.

Section 3. Violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance or the failure to comply with any of the rules and regulations prescribed in connection therewith, pursuant hereto, shall be punishable by fine not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00), or imprisonment in the City Jail not exceeding ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage, approval and publication as by law provided.

[Signatures]

Attest: [Signature]

Approved as to form:

[City Attorney]

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