

ORDINANCE No. 241

AN ORDINANCE relating to National Defense and providing for observance of blackouts or other restrictions imposed by the civil authorities or Army or Navy of the United States, within the Town of Stayton, Oregon; defining vagrancy; providing penalties for violation; ~~repealing conflicting ordinances~~; and declaring an emergency.

THE TOWN OF STAYTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Council finds that in the present state of national emergency it becomes necessary from time to time to impose blackouts and impose other restrictions upon civil life in the Town of Stayton, by order of civil authorities or the U. S. Army or Navy, or both, in order that the welfare of the town and the nation as a whole, may be preserved, and in furtherance thereof it is hereby declared to be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to refuse or neglect to comply with the rules and regulations set forth herein pertaining to civil conduct and particularly as respects blackouts, and with rules and regulations pertaining thereto which may hereafter be issued from time to time by the civil authorities or the Army or Navy, or both; and it shall be unlawful, during the period of any blackout, for any person, firm or corporation to refuse or neglect to obey any lawful order of civil, military or naval authorities, or of the regularly or specially appointed officers thereof charged with the enforcement of the rules and regulations governing blackouts. The following general rules shall apply:

(a) If you are at home, in a hotel room or apartment:

(1) Turn out all exterior lights.

(2) See that no lighting in your home, hotel room or apartment is visible from the outside thereof, and if this cannot be complied with by obscuring openings turn off your lights, but do not use main switch.

(3) Listen in on your radio.

(4) Managers of hotels and apartments are responsible for exterior lighting or such interior lighting as is not under the direct control of a patron.

(b) As to stores, manufacturing and industrial plants:

(1) Completely turn off all exterior lights, including signs.

(2) See that no interior lighting is visible from the outside.

(3) Maintain a watchman or other person as may be reasonably necessary for general protection and supervision of the establishment.

(4) The person, firm or corporation operating a plant, as well as the individual managing the same, shall be liable for failure to comply herewith.

(c) As to motor vehicles of all classes and kinds:

(1) Motor vehicles shall not operate during a blackout unless equipped with lights in accordance with regulations promulgated and authorized by proper authorities.

(2) Do not drive or operate a motor vehicle without lights.

(3) No interior lights shall be permitted in any motor vehicle.

(4) Clear all bridges; do not block center of street; do not park in front of fire exit, fire plug, hospital entrance, in street intersection or alley.

(5) Proceed at speed commensurate with safety but in no event in excess of 20 miles per hour in the business section and 20 miles per hour in the residential section.

(6) Obey immediately all orders of police officers, police reserve fire department reserve, air raid wardens and other persons regularly or specially authorized to direct safety measures.

(d) As to pedestrians and bicycle riders.

(1) Do not go upon streets or other places where there is motor vehicle traffic, unless unavoidably necessary, and in such cases use extreme caution and use a flash light equipped with a blue light.

(2) Obey immediately all orders of police, police reserve, fire department reserve, air raid wardens and other persons regularly or specially authorized to direct safety measures.

Section 2. Nothing contained in the foregoing rules shall be deemed a limitation upon the authority of the civil, military or naval authorities to impose other, additional or different rules and regulations.

Section 3. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of Section 1 shall, upon conviction thereof in the Recorder's Court, be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00, or by imprisonment in the town jail for not more than 50 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 4. Any person found in or on any private property without having the consent of the owner or person in charge of such property, or any person found in or on any street, alley, highway, or other public place, during the period of any blackout, who shall fail to give a satisfactory reason for his or her presence, shall be deemed a vagrant, and upon conviction thereof in the Recorder's Court shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding \$100.00, or by imprisonment in the town jail for not more than 50 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 5. The term blackout shall be construed to mean any period during which the civil, military or naval authorities shall order that all artificial light and lighting be extinguished, rendered invisible or otherwise disposed of or controlled.

Section 6. Inasmuch as this ordinance is necessary immediately for the public, health, peace and safety of the Town of Stayton, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its passage by the Council and approval by the Mayor.

Passed by the Council this 15th day of December, 1941.

Attest:

Recorder

Approved by the Mayor of the Town of Stayton this 15th day of December, 1941.

Mayor