

BILL NO. 1

ORDINANCE NO. 1

AN ORDINANCE DESCRIBING THE USE OF SIGNAL EQUIPMENT ON FIRE APPARATUS; DECLARING FIRE APPARATUS AS EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND REGULATING VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IN RELATION THERETO; DEFINING CERTAIN DUTIES AND POLICE POWERS OF FIRE CHIEF WHILE ACTIVELY COMBATING FIRES; DECLARING IT UNLAWFUL TO GIVE A FALSE ALARM; DECLARING THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE A MISDEMEANOR AND PROVIDING PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Normandy Fire Protection District of St. Louis County, Missouri:

SECTION 1. All vehicles used by the Fire Department of the Normandy Fire Protection District shall be equipped with a siren, loud bell, or gong, which shall be sounded or rung continuously when such vehicle is in motion in response to an emergency alarm, and at that time and under such circumstances such vehicle shall have the right of way in any direction on any street and may disregard automatic traffic signals. The driver or operator of any other vehicle shall upon the approach of such emergency vehicle drive as near as practicable to the right hand curb and immediately stop. No driver or operator of any vehicle, or any other person by any means whatsoever, shall interfere with or obstruct the progress of such emergency vehicle when being driven in emergency service and no other vehicle shall be equipped with such siren, bell, or gong, except those authorized by law. Any person violating the foregoing provision of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction be fined as hereinafter set forth.

SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for the driver or operator of any vehicle other than an emergency vehicle to follow closer than 300 feet from any fire apparatus traveling in response to an emergency call or to stop the same within 300 feet thereof when the same has stopped in response to an emergency alarm. Any person violating the foregoing provision of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction be fined as hereinafter set forth.

SECTION 3. Whenever any hose of the Fire Department is laid upon or across any street, alley, or driveway for the purpose of being used by the Fire Department, it shall be unlawful for any driver or operator of any vehicle whatsoever to pass over the same except where bridges or jumpers have been provided by the firemen and then only upon a signal of a properly authorized officer and in such manner which will not injure such hose. Any person violating the foregoing provision of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction be fined as hereinafter set forth.

SECTION 4. The Fire Chief of the Normandy Fire Protection District or his acting Lieutenant shall be in full charge and authority over all personnel engaged in fire fighting within said District. He shall have full authority to prescribe fire limits around a fire and may prohibit or regulate vehicular and pedestrian traffic within such fire limits and may call upon any police officer to enforce all orders and rules prescribed by him during the period of such fire and his authority shall be superior to such police officers. Any person violating or disregarding the orders and directions as aforesaid of the Fire Chief, or his duly appointed Lieutenant, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction be fined as hereinafter set forth.

SECTION 5. Any person who shall within the limits of the Normandy Fire Protection District, intentionally give or make a false alarm of fire shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction be fined as hereinafter set forth.

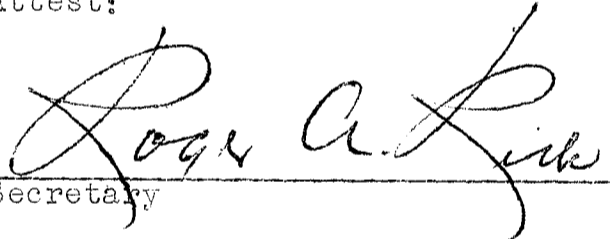
SECTION 6. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction be fined not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$200.00

This ordinance is deemed an emergency measure and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Passed this 16 day of FEBRUARY, 1949.


Chairman of the Board of Trustees
of the Normandy Fire Protection District

Attest:


Secretary