

ORDINANCES

of the Town of AHOSKIE

Public Peace, Morals and Comfort

Section 1. Any person failing to assist in making arrest, or to assist a peace officer in any way, after being summoned to do so by proper authorities, shall pay a fine of \$20.00.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect in all the territory three miles from town.

Section 2. No cattle, stock, geese, chickens, or other fowls shall be allowed to go at large, under a penalty of \$10.00 for each day. Stock or geese running at large shall be impounded by the police, and shall pay \$1.00 day as costs; if not paid in three days shall be sold at public auction for cash after five days' notice at three public places in the town and proceeds paid to owner less costs and fine. Any person unlawfully taking any animal from pound shall pay a fine of \$10.00.

Section 3. It is hereby declared a nuisance to establish or maintain within two hundred feet of any church building, any moving picture, vaudeville show, circus, carnival or skating rink, and any person, firm or corporation establishing or maintaining such nuisance shall incur a penalty of \$25.00 for each offense, and each day's continuance shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 4. No bitch when prouing, no mad dog, or dog bitten by a mad dog or vicious or dangerous dog shall be allowed at large, under a penalty of \$10.00. And such dogs may be killed by the police.

Section 5. No bawdy-house or house kept by woman of ill fame, shall be allowed in the town, or within three miles thereof, under a penalty of \$50.00 for each day. And no landlord shall rent, lease or let a house for such purpose, under a penalty of \$50.00 for each day. It is hereby declared a nuisance for a woman of abandoned character to enter the town with intent to ply her trade in the town under a penalty of \$50.00 for each offense.

Section 6. No indecent pictures shall be posted, shown or sold, or offered for sale within the town, under a penalty of \$10.00.

Section 7. No person shall disturb the peace of the town by any indecent conduct, language, cursing, swearing, fighting, drunkenness or any other disorderly manner, under a penalty of \$25.00.

Section 8. Every person guilty of loud and boisterous cursing, or swearing, or using abusive or indecent language in any street, house or elsewhere, in the town, and every person found drunk on the streets, alleys, or any public place of the town, or disturbing the peace of the town or violating the public of decency shall pay a fine of \$25.00 for each offense.

Section 9. No crowds of persons shall congregate or loiter on the streets, or sidewalks, to the obstruction thereof, under a penalty of \$1.00 fine on each person in said crowd.

Section 10. No person shall scar, deface, injure, destroy, or otherwise interfere with any article or thing of any kind belonging to the town of Ahoskie, under a penalty of \$10.00 for each offense.

CHAPTER II.

Public Health.

Section 1. The Board of Health of the Town of Ahoskie shall be composed of the Mayor, the Sanitary Committee and said Board shall make such rules and regulations as they deem necessary to promote the health of the town.

Section 2. Any person violating any of the health rules or regulations of the town of Ahoskie prescribed either by the Council or by the Board of Health, shall be subjected to a fine of \$10, unless otherwise provided in the ordinances following.

Section 3. No person shall obstruct, dig, cut, or disfigure any street, ditch, sidewalk, drain, pipe or sewer; or dig any ditch or place any drain below the level of the street, ditch or drain; or obstruct, or deepen or fill up any ditch or drain leading from any lot to another lot or street or sidewalk; or deposit any filth, offal or trash of any kind in any ditch or drain, whether such ditch or drain be on his own lot or not; or allow his premises to become or remain a nuisance or menace to health or comfort by filth, stench, stagnant water or otherwise, under a penalty of \$10.00 for each offense, and each day's continuance after notice shall be a separate offense; and any person interfering with the police or sanitary inspector, when examining or rectifying premises in regard to the above offense or nuisance, shall pay a fine of \$50.00.

Section 4. No person shall deposit any offal or paper or trash or garbage on any sidewalk, street or lot; or deposit any human excrement in town, except in a privy; or dig or construct or use, or allow to remain on his premises, any cesspool, well or any other underground receptacle for human excrement, or any mound in which the same has been deposited; or bury, or allow to be buried, or dispose of any human excrement, except as hereinafter prescribed, under a penalty of \$25.00 for each offense, and each day's continuance after notice shall be a separate offense, and every house used as a residence shall have on the premises a sewerage closet or a sanitary surface closet conformable to the State sanitary laws.

Section 5. No one shall wilfully break in or injure or stop up or obstruct any urinal or closet or other sewer connection, under a penalty of \$25.00 for each offense.

Section 6. No slaughter pen shall be allowed within the town under a penalty of \$5.00 for each day. Owners of dead animals failing to remove the same beyond a half-mile of the town limits shall be fined \$5.00.

Section 7. No hog or hogs shall be kept in the town limits under a penalty of \$10.00 for each day.

Section 8. Spitting on the paved sidewalks, the floors of churches, public halls, theatres, waiting rooms, postoffice, market house, or other place of public assemblage in the town of Ahoskie is hereby forbidden, under a penalty of \$2.00 for each offense.

CHAPTER III.

Streets and Sidewalks

Section 1. No person shall lay out a street in the corporation limits without the approval of the Town Council, under a penalty of \$50.00 for each offense.

Section 2. No railroad shall raise or lower a grade of a track on the on the street crossings of the town of Ahoskie without the consent of the Town Council under a penalty of \$50.00 a day, and each day's continuance shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 3. Every owner and every occupant of a business lot shall keep his sidewalk and drain gutter thereof in good condition and free from obstruction, etc., and every person violating this ordinance shall pay a penalty of \$5.00 for each offense and each day's continuance shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 4. No stationary awning, or awning post or frame shed or hitch post on street shall hereafter be erected in the fire district, under a penalty of \$20.00. And each day's continuance shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 5. No person shall deposit glass or wire on a street or sidewalk, under a penalty of \$10.00; Provided, that upon the application of builders, the Mayor or Chief of Police may designate certain parts of the street or sidewalk that may be used for the staging and materials for building as long as the Mayor may deem necessary, all obstructions to be safeguarded by lights, railing and overhead platforms as may be directed by them.

Section 6. No railroad engine shall run between Church Street crossing and Hayes Avenue at a greater rate of speed than eight miles per hour, under a penalty of \$20.00 for each offense.

Section 7. Whenever an engine or an engine and cars shall cross Main Street between 7 o'clock a. m., and 11 o'clock p. m., it shall be the duty of the Railroad Company to protect this crossing by a watchman and no flying switch or shift shall be made on any crossing in the town.

Section 8. Any person who puts any obstruction on any street or sidewalk or who cuts any excavation on street or sidewalk without properly protecting same by red lights and otherwise, shall pay a penalty of \$25.00 for each offense, and each day's continuance shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 9. No person shall interfere with any lantern or other guard placed around any obstacle or excavation to protect same, under a penalty

of \$25.00 for each offense.

Section 8. No gasoline tank shall be installed on any street or sidewalk, except by permission of the Council and a penalty of \$50.00 for each offense and each day's continuance shall constitute a separate offense.

CHAPTER IV.

Prevention and Control of Fires

Section 1. No person shall interfere with or tamper with or injure any part of the fire alarm system or send in a false fire alarm, under a penalty of \$25.00 for each offense.

CHAPTER V.

Miscellaneous

Section 1. No person shall place any sign, notice or circular on any shade tree, lamp, telegraph, telephone, or electric light post in the town, under a penalty of \$10.00 for each offense.

Section 2. No person shall tie a horse or other animals to a lamp post, shade tree, telephone posts on streets, or cut or disfigure the same in the town of Ahoskie, under a penalty of \$1.00 for each offense.

Section 3. No cottonwood or elm trees shall be planted within the town limits, under a penalty of \$5.00 for each day, the said tree or trees remain standing.

Section 4. Be it ordained that each railroad crossing in the town must be made and maintained smooth and safe and must be paved with such material and at such grades as the town may direct; and all persons or corporations who violate this ordinance shall pay a penalty of \$50.00 a day for each day and after ten days' notice, and each day's continuance after said notice shall be deemed a separate offense, and shall subject the offender to a penalty of \$50.00 for each day's continuance.

Section 5. No person shall touch or interfere with or place any object within two feet of any high voltage wire, under a penalty of \$50.00 for each offense.

Section 6. That every ice delivery wagon and every ice delivery station shall have scales convenient for weighing and the ice sold shall be weighed on demand of the buyer. That any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall pay a penalty of \$1.00 for each offense.

Section 1. No person shall fire off or discharge any firearms, fireworks, or other explosive contrivance within the corporate limits of the town of Ahoskie, without first gaining permission of the Mayor, or by showing a good cause therefor under a penalty of \$5.00 for each offense.

Section 2. No person shall let or stand any stud horse or jack within the corporate limits, under a penalty of \$25.00.

Section 3. All taxes due the town of Ahoskie shall be due and collectable on the 1st day of October of each year.

On all taxes paid in the months of October and November; a discount shall be given to the taxpayer of one per cent. All taxes paid in the month of December shall be paid at the net amount charged, and from and after the 1st day of January a penalty of one per cent per month shall be added on the taxes paid.

Section 4. No person shall needlessly obstruct the free passage to and from trains at the Atlantic Coast Line Railway station under penalty of \$1.00 for each offense.

Section 5. Any person refusing or failing to pay any fine or penalty imposed on him under any ordinance of the town of Ahoskie by the Mayor, may be made to work on the streets of the town at the rate of \$1.00 per day and board. Provided no woman shall work on said streets.

Section 6. The fire limit for the town of Ahoskie as defined in Article 31 of Town Ordinances adopted September 10, 1917, is hereby extended eastward on Main Street to Rue Street; and westward along Main Street to McGlohon Street; also the entire block immediately east of present Atlantic Coast Line Railway station; also the entire block immediately west of present Atlantic Coast Line Railway station.

Section 7. No person, firm or corporation shall erect any building on the property line next to the sidewalk, without a written permit from the town council, under a penalty of \$100.00 for each offense and each day's continuance after notice shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 8. It shall be unlawful for any person to turn on electric lights or water after same has been cut off by the town authorities and any one violating this ordinance shall pay a penalty of \$10.00 for each offense and each day's continuance shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 9. It shall be unlawful for any store, drug store, cold drink stand or barber shop to be open on Sunday; provided that drug stores may be open from 2 o'clock p. m., until 4 o'clock p. m., and provided further that same may be open at any time for prescription or medical purposes. For each violation of this ordinance a penalty of \$5.00 shall be imposed.

Section 10. Any person who shall cut down or otherwise injure any tree growing on any of the streets of this town, except by the consent of the Town Council, shall be fined \$5.00 and costs for each offense.

CHAPTER VI.

Traffic Ordinances

Section 1. Every vehicle using gasoline, or other explosive mixture as motive power, shall use muffler, which shall be sufficient to deaden the sound of explosion, and such muffler shall not be disconnected or cut out while such vehicle is being operated within the corporate limits of the town under penalty of \$5.00.

Section 2. All motor vehicles must be equipped with suitable bell, horn, or other signalling device, which must be used to give warnings of danger on approaching street crossings or corners.

Section 3. All vehicles shall drive to right hand side of center of street in the direction they are proceeding. All vehicles turning to the left at the corner of any intersecting street shall proceed on the right hand side to a point beyond the center of each intersecting street before making such turn. All vehicles turning to the right of street intersections shall turn corner as near to the right hand curb as possible. All vehicles when meeting other vehicles shall pass to the right, all vehicles when passing other vehicles shall pass on the left side of the vehicle overtaken and shall not pull over to the right until entirely clear of it. No vehicle shall cross any funeral procession. All vehicles when crossing from one side of the street to the other do so by making a complete turn headed in the opposite direction, but such turns must not be made on Main Street except at street intersections. No person in control of a vehicle shall back same without ample warning having been given, and while backing unusual and unceasing care must be exercised so as not to injure vehicles or pedestrians in the rear of them. Anyone violating this ordinance shall pay a penalty of \$5.00.

Section 4. No vehicle, except in emergency or to allow other vehicles or pedestrians to cross its path, shall stop in any public street or highway except at right hand curb thereof and then in any case must not obstruct any public or private alley or driveway, or stop on any railroad crossing or sidewalk. No vehicle shall remain standing on Main street except when headed to the right side of the street.

Section 5. Any person driving any motor-driven vehicle who shall in any manner strike, wound or injure any person while driving such vehicle shall not leave the scene of such accident without first giving his name, residence and license number of his machine to the party injured or to the police officer. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a penalty of \$25.00.

Section 6. No driver of any vehicle shall wantonly or through negligence run into or break down or injure another vehicle. Drivers of vehicles and pedestrians must at all times comply with any direction given by voice or hand of any officer of the police force as to stopping, starting, approaching or departing from any place and also as to the manner of taking up or letting on passengers and loading or unloading of vehicles. Any person violating any of the provisions of the above ordinance shall pay a fine of five dollars, (\$5.00.)

CHAPTER VIII.

Markets.

Section 1. All dealers in meats, fish, vegetables, fruits or other food products of any character, shall be, and his employees, in person, neat and cleanly, and his premises kept in a neat and sanitary condition, and all food containers must be clean and sanitary. All fresh meats and fish must be carefully screened from flies. No person shall retain any filth or other offensive matter, dirt, or rubbish, meat scraps or otherwise, in or about his premises, but will be required to make daily disposition of all such matter. Any person violating this section in any respect, shall, for each offense, pay a fine of \$5.00.

Section 2. Any dealer who shall sell, or offer for sale, any meat, fish, fowl, or other articles in unsound conditions, or which is dressed, or garnished falsely, or in any way calculated to deceive, shall pay a fine of \$25.00, and forfeit what is sold or offered for sale.

CHAPTER IX.

Revenue and Taxation

Section 1. No person shall do any business or trade for which a town license or tax is required before same is paid, under a penalty of \$25.00 for each offense. Every license shall be a personal privilege and shall not be transferable.

License Taxes

For Billard and Pool Tables: \$50 for the first, \$40.00 for the second and \$30.00 for each additional Table, annual license.

Carnivals or other combination of traveling shows consisting of not more than six distinct attractions, \$100.00; and when consisting of more than six distinct attractions, \$150.00 per week or part of a week. Circuses, Shows and Menageries, 12-car trains, or less, \$25.00. Circuses, Shows and Menageries, 13 to 25-car trains, \$50.00. Circuses, Shows and Menageries, 25 to 40-car trains, \$50.00. Circuses, Shows and Menageries, 40 to 50-car trains, \$75.00. Circuses, Shows and Menageries, 50 to 60-car trains, \$100.00. Circuses, Shows and Menageries, over 60-car trains, \$125.00.

The above applies to all shows, etc., in the town limits or within one-half mile thereof, and all such shows as give their exhibitions out of the above limits, shall pay the above tax for the use of the streets in unloading and loading or parade on same, and all shows or circuses charging more than 25 cents for reserved seats shall pay double the above tax.

Plumbers, each shall give a good and sufficient bond in the sum of \$25.00, conditioned upon the observance of all city regulations.

Shows, under canvas, in halls or otherwise, each day, \$5.00.

Dogs, male, each \$2.00.

Dogs, female, each \$5.00.

All owners of dogs must list the same at the same time property is listed. Failure to do so makes them liable for double tax.

Fortune tellers, each per day, \$10.00.

Gypsies.—Every company of Gypsies or strolling bands of persons living in wagons or tents, or otherwise, who trade horses or mules, or receive reward for pretending to tell fortunes, or practice any of their crafts \$200.00.

Itinerant merchants, every person, firm or corporation, who shall expose for sale, either on the streets, in hotels, residences or in a place rented temporarily for that purpose, goods, wares or merchandise, shall be declared itinerant merchants, except wholesale manufacturers and jobbers selling to firms already paying for doing wholesale and retail business, \$25.00 per day.

Installment dealers, any person, firm or corporation who shall sell or attempt to sell goods, wares or merchandise of any kind by soliciting by house to house canvass, upon the installment plan by chattel mortgage or conditional sale, shall be liable to a tax of \$10 per day.

Merry-go-rounds, riding galleries, hobby horses \$2.00 per day.

Medicine vendors, on streets, in houses, rented temporarily, or tents \$5 per day.

Travelling piano or organ agents \$10.00 per day.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of every person liable to any license under this act to exhibit his license to any police officer of the town and upon failure to do so every such person may be arrested and held to answer the charge, and it shall be unlawful for any person to carry on or practice any itinerant trade, business or profession for which a license is required under this Chapter without having in his actual possession at the time of so carrying on or practicing such trade, business or profession, said license or duplicate thereof.

Ordinances adopted by Ahoskie town council January 15, 1923. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

L. C. WILLIAMS, Mayor.

Commissioners: H. W. STOKES,
D. P. BOYETTE,
J. R. PARKER.

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