

ORDINANCE No. 50

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING DRIVERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO STOP WHEN APPROACHING A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS AND REGULATING THE USE OF PASSENGER VEHICLES USED AS SCHOOL BUSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, IOWA.

SECTION I. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of University Heights, Iowa, by requiring drivers of motor vehicles to stop when approaching a stopped school bus, and regulating the use of passenger vehicles as school buses.

SECTION II. DEFINITION. The following definition shall apply to this Ordinance: "School bus" means every vehicle operated for the transportation of children to or from school, except vehicles which are:

- a) privately owned and not operated for compensation;
- b) used exclusively in the transportation of the children in the immediate family of the driver;
- c) operated by a municipality or privately owned urban transit company for the transportation of children as part of or in addition to their regularly scheduled service; or
- d) designed to carry not more than nine (9) persons as passengers, either school owned or privately owned, which are used to transport pupils to activity events in which the pupils are participants or used to transport pupils to their homes in case of illness or other emergency situations. The vehicles operated under the provisions of paragraph d) of this section shall be operated by employees of the school district who are specifically approved by the local superintendent of schools for the assignment.

SECTION III. REQUIRING MOTOR VEHICLES TO STOP. The driver of any vehicle when meeting a school bus on which the amber warning lamps are flashing shall reduce the speed of said vehicle to not more than 20 m.p.h. and shall bring said vehicle to a complete stop when school bus stops and red warning lights are flashing and the stop signal arm is extended and said vehicle shall remain stopped until stop arm is retracted after which driver may proceed with due caution. The driver of any vehicle overtaking a school bus shall not pass the school bus when red or amber signal lights are flashing and shall bring said vehicle to a complete stop not closer than fifteen (15) feet of the school bus when it

is stopped and the red warning lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, and shall remain stopped until the stop arm is retracted and school bus resumes motion or until signaled by the driver to proceed.

SECTION IV. PASSENGER VEHICLES USED AS SCHOOL BUSES.

A. Vehicles other than school buses operated regularly for Transportation of children to or from school must comply with safety standards for such vehicles adopted by the State Board of Public Instruction.

B. Vehicles other than school buses operated regularly for transportation of children to or from school may not stop on the travelled portion of the highway. Such vehicles must stop to load or unload passengers off the highway unless such vehicle has complete school bus equipment as defined by the State Board of Public Instruction.

SECTION V. REPEALER. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION VI. SAVINGS CLAUSE. In the event any section, provision or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in effect on August 1, 1974, after its final passage, approval and posting as required by law.

Passed by the Council the 9th day of July 1974, and approved this 9th day of July 1974.