

*Amended by 83.
Ordinance No. 61.
Repealed by Ord. 99*

ORDINANCE NO. 38

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND RULES
GOVERNING THE MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC AND DEFINING TRAFFIC
TERMS AND CREATING PARKING AREAS AND SPEED LIMITS AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA:

SECTION 1. This ordinance shall apply to all territory embraced within the corporate limits of the City of Palmer, Alaska

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS. The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this ordinance:

- a. Authorized emergency vehicles. Vehicles of the fire and police departments, Territorial Highway Patrol, Alaska Railroad and Army police and fire vehicles, and such ambulances and emergency vehicles of municipal departments or public service corporations or ambulances privately or governmentally owned, as are designated by the Mayor.
- b. Driver. Every person who drives or is in actual physical control of a vehicle.
- c. Intersection. The area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, then the lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two highways which join one another at or approximately at right angles, or the area within which vehicles travelling upon different highways joining at any other angle may come in conflict.
- d. Motor Vehicle. Every vehicle which is self-propelled.
- e. Official Traffic Control Devices. All signs, signals, markings and devices not inconsistent with this ordinance placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding vehicles.
- f. Official traffic signals. All devices, whether manually, electrically or mechanically operated, by which traffic is alternately directed to stop and to proceed.
- g. Park. The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading.
- h. Pedestrian. Any person afoot.
- i. Police Officer. Every officer of the police department or any officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violations of traffic regulations.
- j. Private Road or Driveway. Every way or place in private ownership and used for vehicular travel by the owner and those having express or implied use.
- k. Roadway. That portion of a street, park or other public place which is designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel.
- l. Sidewalk. That portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines intended for the use of pedestrians.
- m. Stop. When required means complete cessation of movement.
- n. Stop or Stopping. When prohibited means any stopping of a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic control sign or signal.
- o. Street or Highway. The entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part of said width is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.
- p. Traffic. Pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, and other conveyances, either singly or together, while using any street for purposes of travel.
- q. Vehicle. Every device, in upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

SECTION 3. Parking. No person shall park a vehicle in the City of Palmer, Alaska, in any of the restricted areas hereinafter established for a period of time longer than indicated therein or shall park a vehicle in any manner or by any means as hereinafter prohibited.

- a. Parking in front of the postoffice and the bank shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes between 10:00 A. M. and 6:00 P. M. on any day except Sundays and holidays.
- b. Parking on Valley Street between Eklutna Avenue and the Wasilla Highway and on Colony Street between Wasilla Highway and Lazy Mountain Avenue shall be limited to two (2) hours between 10:00 A. M. and 6:00 P. M. on any day except Sundays and holidays.

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c. Parking shall be absolutely prohibited on the South side of Co-op Avenue between the A. R. R. C. office and the Recreational Hall Building and from the East end of the Recreational Hall Building for a distance of sixty (60) feet East, and such other areas as may be posted.

d. All parking on the West side of Valley Street and Colony Street between Eklutna and Lazy Mountain Avenue; North side of Pioneer Peak Avenue between Colony and Matanuska Streets; North side of Wasilla between Valley and Matanuska Streets shall be at a forty-five (45°) degree angle; parking on all other streets shall be parallel with said streets.

e. Parking of a vehicle on any street where said vehicle or any part thereof extends beyond any building line is prohibited.

f. Double parking on any street or avenue in the City of Palmer is prohibited.

g. U-turns on any street or avenue in the City of Palmer are prohibited.

h. That certain triangle located in front of the Palmer Drug Store is hereby designated as a parking area.

i. Those lots owned by the City of Palmer located at Railroad and Fairview Avenue and Airport Way are hereby designated as parking areas for off-street parking.

j. Parking in front of hotels, except for the purpose of discharging or picking up passengers is prohibited.

k. Parking in front of theatres is prohibited during any time when the theatre is open and occupied by the public.

l. Parking in front of the fire hall and within fifteen (15') feet North along the West side of Colony Street adjacent to the fire hall is prohibited.

m. Parking for more than forty-eight (48) hours on any street or avenue in the City of Palmer is prohibited.

n. The City Council, by giving notice in the nature of posting of notices twenty-four (24) hours in advance, may restrict parking and use by vehicles of any street or avenue for the purposes of snow removal.

o. Parking will be prohibited on the south side of Wasilla Avenue from Valley and Matanuska Streets and the south side of Pioneer Street from the Theatre entrance to Colony Street.

SECTION 4. RESTRICTIONS AS TO SPEED.

a/ any person driving a vehicle on a roadway shall drive the same at a careful and prudent speed not greater than nor less than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface, and width of the roadway and of any other condition then existing, and no person shall drive any vehicle upon a roadway at a speed greater than will permit him to bring it to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead.

b. Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph a. of this section and except in those instances where a lower speed is specified in this ordinance or by regulation, it shall be prima facie lawful for the driver of a vehicle to drive the same at a speed not exceeding the following, but in any case it shall be unlawful to exceed the following speeds except upon through streets where a different speed limit is authorized and has been marked by adequate signs giving notice of such permissible speed:

The speed limits which shall not be exceeded except by emergency vehicles is hereby limited to twenty-five (25) miles per hour, and said speed limit as above designated shall be posted on all roads entering the city area.

c. In every charge of violation of this section the complaint, also the summons or notice to appear, shall specify the speed at which the defendant is alleged to have driven, also the speed which this section declares shall be prima facie lawful at the time and place of such alleged violation.

SECTION 5. TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS. Stop signs shall be erected at the following intersections and traffic points in the City of Palmer, Alaska:

- a. On the East side of Springer Road at Fairview Avenue, facing South.
- b. On the West side of Railroad Street at Fairview Avenue, facing North.
- c. On the West side of Mears Alley and Fairview Avenue, facing South.
- d. On the North side of Fairview Avenue at Railroad crossing, facing East.
- e. North side of Airportway at Railroad Street, facing East.
- f. East side of Federal at Co-op Avenue, facing south.
- g. West side of Federal at Fairview Avenue, facing North.
- h. East side of Federal at Fairview Avenue, facing South.
- i. North side of Co-op Avenue at Railroad Street, facing East.
- j. West side of Walker Street at Co-op Avenue, facing North.
- k. East side of Walker Street at Glenn Highway, facing South.
- l. North side of Sterling Avenue at Railroad Street, facing East.
- m. East side of Railroad Street at Glenn Highway, facing South.
- n. West side of Railroad Street at Glenn Highway, facing North.
- o. West side of Swanson and Glenn Highway, facing North.
- p. West side of Colony Street at Wasilla Highway, facing North.

- q. West side of ~~Manuska~~ ^{Manuska} Street at Wasilla Highway, facing North.
- r. East side of ~~Manuska~~ ^{Manuska} Street at Wasilla Highway, facing South.
- s. South side of Moose Creek Road at Valley Street, facing West.

All of the foregoing signs shall be of the reflector type.

SECTION 6. VIOLATIONS.

- a. Whenever a vehicle has been parked in violation of the provisions of Section 3, the police shall attach to such a vehicle a notice thereof and the violation shall be treated as any other violation of the provisions of this ordinance.
- b. Any person who shall violate the speed limits established in section 4 of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished in accordance with provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. Penalties.

- a. Any person who shall violate or permit a violation of Section 3 of this ordinance shall, upon conviction of such violation be fined not less than Two Dollars and Fifty cents (\$2.50* and costs, not more than Twenty-five(\$25.00) Dollars and costs; and, if any person who is charged with a violation of said section fails to appear within twenty-four (24) hours and, either post bail or plead to such charges, the City Magistrate shall issue a Bench Warrant for the arrest of such person, and upon conviction, said person shall be fined not less than Five (\$5.00) Dollars nor more than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars.
- b. Any person who violates or causes to be violated Section 4 of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than One Hundred (\$100) Dollars or imprisoned in the municipal Jail for a period not to exceed Thirty (30) days, or both fined and imprisoned.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall be in effect within a period of thirty (30) days from the date of passage thereof, allowing however a ten-day (10 day) period beyond said thirty-day (30-day) period in which enforcement warnings shall be issued in lieu of penalties, Following said ten-day period, the penalties hereinabove provided shall be invoked and enforced against violators.

Passed: July 21, 1953

Alfred V. Hagen
/s/ Alfred V. Hagen
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Elizabeth Barry
Clerk

Amended by Ordinance No. 59

ORDINANCE 39

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ASSESSING, LEVYING AND COLLECTING A GENERAL TAX FOR SCHOOL AND MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, IN THE CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA, UPON ALL PROPERTY, BOTH REAL AND PERSONAL, THEREIN AND FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF TAX ASSESSORS AND TAX COLLECTORS, AND TO CONTRACT FOR TAX ASSESSORS AND COLLECTORS AND FOR THE USE OF TAX ASSESSORS AND COLLECTORS DOING SIMILAR WORK FOR OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES BY CONTRACT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA:

SECTION 1. TERRITORIAL LAW ADOPTED.

1.1 The laws of the Territory of Alaska relating to the assessment and levy of taxes upon real and personal property within the limits of municipal corporations, tax liens, liabilities for taxes, collection of taxes, foreclosure of tax liens, tax sales, redemption and all other laws of the Territory of Alaska relating to the levy and collection of taxes on real and personal property are hereby expressly incorporated in this Article, as if fully set out herein.

SECTION 2. PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAX, DEFINITIONS, METHODS OF ASSESSMENT.

2.1 PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAX. All real and personal property within the City, not expressly exempted by Territorial law, shall be subject to annual taxation at its just and fair value based upon the actual value of the property assessed.

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refer Ord. 79