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AN ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF BEVIL OAKS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ERECTION OF STREET SIGNS TO CONTROL TRAFFIC, TO PREVENT RECKLESS DRIVING IN ORDER TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR OPERATORS OF OTHER VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

WHEREAS, there is a continuing and increasing disregard for the rights of others at intersections and upon the streets of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds it necessary to erect stop signs at certain intersections of streets within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds it necessary to prevent certain acts which are deemed to be reckless; THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BEVIL OAKS:

SECTION 1: That signs erected pursuant to this Ordinance shall bear the word "Stop" in letters not less than eight inches in height and such sign shall at nighttime be rendered luminous by efficient reflective elements upon the face of the signs.

SECTION 2. Every stop sign shall be located as near as practicable at the nearest line of the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or, if none, at the nearest line of the roadway.

SECTION 3. When stop signs are erected as herein authorized at or near the entrance to any intersection, every driver of a vehicle approaching a stop sign shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or in the event there is no crosswalk, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering the intersection except when directed to proceed by a police officer or traffic-controlled signal.

SECTION 4. The driver of a vehicle within a business or residence district emerging from an alley, driveway, or building, shall stop such vehicle immediately prior to driving onto a sidewalk or onto the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, yielding the right-of-way to any pedestrian as may be necessary to avoid collision, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on such roadway.

SECTION 5. No person shall drive or operate any motor-driven vehicle or any of the public streets of the town in a reckless and unsafe manner, and without due regard to public safety, both as to persons and property.

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SECTION 6. It shall be unlawful for any person to start and accelerate a motor vehicle on a public street or highway from a stopped position or accelerate a motor vehicle while moving in such a manner as to cause the driving wheels to spin and thereby create a loud, screeching noise, whether motorists and/or pedestrians are actually present or not, or to cause the rear portion of the motor vehicle to sway or swing from side to side.

SECTION 7. It shall be unlawful for any person while in an intoxicated condition or under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs to operate or attempt to operate any vehicle.

SECTION 8. The Mayor, for the violation of this Ordinance, may impose a fine which in no case shall exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and no fine shall be imposed except upon the verdict of a jury should the defendant demand a trial by jury.

SECTION 9. Whereas, an emergency is apparent for the immediate preservation of order, health, safety, and general welfare of the public that requires this Ordinance to become effective immediately, therefore, it shall be effective from the date and after the date of its passage, as made and provided by the Charter of the Town of Bevil Oaks.

PASSED this the 17 day of April, 1973, by an affirmative vote of _____ or more of the Town Board.

APPROVED:

O C Hall
Mayor

APPROVED:

Raymond B. Fowler
Town Attorney

ATTEST:

T. La Rousse
Town Clerk