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# **TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

**OF THE**

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**Issued by Bangor Automobile Club**

## ARTICLE I. (VEHICLES IN MOTION)

Sec. 1. A vehicle, except when passing a vehicle ahead, shall keep to the right, and as near the right curb as possible, and shall always proceed in the general direction of travel.

Sec. 2. A vehicle meeting another vehicle shall pass on the right.

Sec. 3. A vehicle overtaking another vehicle shall, in passing, keep to the left, but it shall not leave the line on the right unless there is a clear way in advance on the left.

Sec. 4. A vehicle in turning to the right into another street shall keep as near to the right curb as possible.

Sec. 5. A vehicle in turning to the left into another street shall pass to the right of and beyond the center of the intersecting streets before turning.

Sec. 6. A vehicle crossing from one side of the street to the other in the business section shall do so by turning to the left, so as to head in the general direction of traffic on that side of the street.

Sec. 7. Slow moving vehicles shall keep as close as possible to the curb to the right, so as to allow faster moving vehicles free passage on the left.

Sec. 8. No person having charge of a vehicle or electric car shall allow the same to come within ten feet of any other vehicle or electric car in front of him when approaching and passing over a street crossing.

Sec. 9. No person shall drive, guide or have the care of two or more horses harnessed respectively to different vehicles.

Sec. 10. The driver of a vehicle shall stop at least twenty feet to the rear of any electric car receiving or discharging passengers, unless there is a clear way to pass to the left.

Sec. 11. No person shall alight from car or enter car on left hand side.

Sec. 12. Motor vehicles shall not make use of muffler cutouts within the city limits.

## ARTICLE II. (RIGHT OF WAY)

Sec. 1. Police, fire department, emergency repair wagons, United States mail vehicles, ambulances and physicians' vehicles displaying the physicians' green cross, shall have the right of way in any street and through any procession.

Sec. 2. The driver of any vehicle proceeding on the track in front of a street car, shall so soon as possible turn out on a signal from the motorman or conductor of the car.

Sec. 3. A vehicle waiting at the curb shall promptly give place to a vehicle to take on or let off passengers.

## ARTICLE III. (SPEED OF VEHICLES)

Sec. 1. No vehicle shall proceed at a rate of speed greater than the law allows; and at no time shall a vehicle be driven with a reckless or negligent disregard to the conditions then obtaining and the rights of others.

## ARTICLE IV. (STOPPING, STANDING AND TURNING)

Sec. 1. No vehicle shall stop with its left side to the curb in the business streets.

Sec. 2. No vehicle shall remain backed up to the curb except when actually loading or unloading. When a horse-drawn vehicle would be permitted to be backed up to the curb under the foregoing paragraph, the horse or horses shall be turned so as to stand headed in the general direction of travel for the side of the street on which the vehicle is standing.

Sec. 3. Unless in an emergency or to allow another vehicle or pedestrian to cross its way no vehicle shall stop in any public street except close to the curb.

Sec. 4. No vehicle shall stop in such a way as to obstruct any street or crossing, for the purpose of taking on or setting down a passenger, or for loading or unloading



freight, or for any purpose except in case of accident, or when directed to do so by a police officer.

Sec. 5. No vehicle or electric car shall stop or stand within the intersection of any street nor within ten feet of a street corner.

Sec. 6. A person having charge of a vehicle shall not stop the same abreast of another vehicle lengthwise of a street in any public street except in case of accident or emergency.

Sec. 7. No person having charge of a vehicle shall place the same in any public street so as to prevent or obstruct the passing of other vehicles or electric cars, except in case of an emergency.

#### ARTICLE V. (CONTROL OF HORSES)

Sec. 1. No horse shall be left unattended in a street or highway unless he is securely fastened by being tied to a post or weight, or unless the wheels of the vehicle to which he is harnessed are securely tied, fastened or chained, and the vehicle is of sufficient weight to prevent its being dragged.

Sec. 2. No horse shall be driven, backed or led or allowed to stand in any sidewalks, except for the purpose of crossing the same when necessary and then only in the shortest way from the street to the abutting estate.

Sec. 3. No horse shall be unbitted in any street or highway unless secured by a halter.

Sec. 4. No one shall cease to hold the reins in his hand, while riding, driving or conducting a horse.

#### ARTICLE VI. (STEALING RIDES)

Sec. 1. No one shall steal a ride upon a vehicle or street car, and no one shall ride upon the rear of any vehicle without the consent of the person in charge thereof.

#### ARTICLE VII.

Sec. 1. Every driver of a vehicle shall, in slowing up or stopping, and in turning while in motion, or in starting to turn from a standstill, give a signal to those behind by raising a whip or hand, indicating with it his intention to stop, or the direction in which the turn is to be made.

Sec. 2. In backing a vehicle ample warning shall be given by voice or uplifted hand, and while backing vigilance must be exercised by the driver so as not to injure those behind.

#### ARTICLE VIII. (OBEDIENCE TO POLICE)

Sec. 1. All of the foregoing rules are subject to the provision that drivers of vehicles and street cars must at all times comply with any direction by voice or hand, of any member of the police force, as to stopping, starting, approaching or departing from any place, the manner of taking up or setting down passengers or loading or unloading goods in any place.

#### ARTICLE IX.

Sec. 1. The word "vehicle" includes equestrians, horses hitched to vehicles, led horses, motor vehicles of all kinds, and everything on wheels and runners except street cars and baby carriages.

Sec. 2. The word "horse" includes all domestic animals.

Sec. 3. The word "driver" includes the rider or driver of a horse, the rider of a bicycle and the operator of a motor vehicle or a street car.

#### ARTICLE X.

Sec. 1. Whoever violates any of the provisions of the foregoing ordinances, rules and regulations shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars (\$20) for each offence.

#### ARTICLE XI.

All ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. These ordinances shall take effect when approved.