

ORDINANCE NO. 196

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING CERTAIN PUBLIC STREETS AND HIGHWAYS IN THE TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO AS BOULEVARDS, REGULATING TRAFFIC THEREON AND UPON STREETS INTERSECTING SUCH BOULEVARDS AND PROVIDING FOR SIGNS AND SIGN-POSTS UPON SUCH BOULEVARDS AND INTERSECTING STREETS.

The City Council and Board of Trustees of the Town of San Anselmo do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Whenever in this ordinance the following terms are used, they shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section:

Street. Every way set apart for public travel except alleyways, bridle paths and foot paths.

Roadway. That portion of a street between the regularly established curb lines.

Alley. A public highway which does not exceed twenty (20) feet between property lines.

Sidewalk. That portion of a street between the curb lines and the adjacent property lines.

Intersection. The area embraced within the prolongation of the property lines of two or more streets which join at an angle, whether or not one such street crosses the other.

Crosswalk. That portion of the roadway included within the prolongation of curb and property lines at street intersections.

Safety Zone. That marked portion of a roadway reserved for the exclusive use of pedestrians.

Loading Zone. That space adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of passengers or materials.

Vehicle. Every device or animal by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a street, excepting devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon rails. For the purpose of this ordinance a bicycle shall be deemed a vehicle.

Operator. Any person who is in actual physical control of a vehicle as herein defined.

Right-of-way. The privilege of the immediate use of the street.

Park. To stand a vehicle for a period of time greater than is reasonably necessary for the actual loading or unloading of persons or materials.

Official Warning and Direction Signs and Signals. All warning and direction signs and signals not inconsistent with this ordinance heretofore or hereafter placed or erected under this ordinance or by authority of the City Council (Board of Trustees).

Traffic. Pedestrians and vehicles, either singly or together, while using any street for purposes of travel.

Section 2. The City Council and Board of Trustees shall by resolution determine and designate the character of all official warning and direction signs and signals. Subject to such selection the Town Marshal is hereby authorized, and as to those signs required hereunder it shall be his duty, to place and maintain or cause to be placed and maintained all official warning and direction signs and signals. All signs authorized and required hereunder for a particular purpose shall be uniform.

No provision of this ordinance for which signs are required shall be enforceable against the alleged violator if at the time and place of the alleged violation the sign herein required is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to be seen by an ordinary observant person.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any operator or pedestrian to disobey the instruction of any mechanical or electrical traffic signal, traffic sign or marks upon the street placed in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 4. Whenever traffic at any intersection is regulated by a "Stop" and "Go" mechanical or electrical signal, the following colors may be used, and none other, and those colors herein authorized shall indicate as follows:

Red, except in flashing signals, requires that traffic shall stop and remain standing.

Green requires that traffic shall move and continue in motion, except when stopped for the purpose of avoiding an accident or in the event of other emergency or when stopped at the command of a traffic officer.

Amber shall indicate preparation for a change in the direction of traffic movement. When amber is shown no traffic shall enter the intersection until a green or "Go" signal is shown.

Bells. The ringing of a bell in connection with any mechanical or electrical traffic signal shall indicate preparation for a change in the direction of traffic movement. When such bell is sounded no traffic shall enter the intersection until a green or "Go" signal is shown.

When any bell is ringing, or any signal is swinging or moving over or above the right-of-way or rails of any steam or electric railroad crossing a street, no traffic shall enter

such right-of-way or pass across the same upon said street.

It shall be unlawful for any person to wilfully deface, injure, move or interfere with any official warning or direction sign or signal.

Section 5. The provisions of this ordinance regulating the movement, parking and standing of vehicles shall not apply to emergency vehicles of the Marshal or of the Sheriff or of any of their deputies or of the Fire Department or of a public utility while the driver of any such vehicle is engaged in the necessary performance of public emergency duties.

Section 6. The following streets and parts of streets are hereby designated as, and declared to constitute, boulevards for the purpose of this ordinance:

Main Street from the southerly line of Bolinas Avenue northerly to its intersection with Redhill Avenue;

San Anselmo Avenue, for its entire length from the southerly line of Bolinas Avenue to its intersection with Redhill Avenue;

Redhill Avenue, for its entire length from the easterly boundary line of the Town to the westerly boundary line of the Town.

Section 7. Every operator of a vehicle traversing any street intersecting any boulevard shall bring such vehicle to a full stop at the place where such street meets the nearest property line of the boulevard before entering such boulevard, providing the property line is clearly marked or sign-posted as required in this ordinance, except at intersections where and when traffic is subject to stop and go signals or directions.

Section 8. The Town Marshal is hereby authorized and required to place and maintain or cause to be placed and

maintained upon each and every street intersecting a boulevard, determined by the Town Marshal to require the same, and at or near the property line of the boulevard, appropriate signs upon the street or devices or marks in the roadway, such signs, devices or marks to bear the word "Stop" or the words "Boulevard Stop" in such position and with letters of a size to be clearly legible from a distance of fifty (50) feet along the street intersecting the boulevard.

Whenever a boulevard intersects another boulevard such signs, devices or marks shall be placed and maintained upon such intersecting boulevard at such places thereon as may be determined by the Town Marshal; provided that whenever a railroad right-of-way or the rails of any steam or electric railway cross any street at or near the intersection of such street with a boulevard, or cross any boulevard at or near its intersection with another boulevard, the Town Marshal shall determine the location of any signs, devices or marks or may determine that no such signs, devices or marks shall be placed upon said street or boulevard at or near said points.

Section 9. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to stop such vehicle in any of the following places, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a traffic officer or a traffic sign or signal:

1. In an intersection;
2. In a cross walk;
3. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within twenty (20) feet of a point on the curb immediately opposite the end of a safety zone;
4. Within thirty (30) feet of an intersecting roadway, except busses at a designated bus stop.

Upon all streets within any business district the Town Marshal shall designate the provisions of paragraphs 3 and

4 of this section by placing and maintaining red paint or other red material upon the entire curb surface within such areas, omitting any crosswalk area, or by placing and maintaining appropriate signs directing that the stopping of vehicles is prohibited.

Section 10. The Town Marshal and his deputies, and any other person duly authorized by him, are hereby authorized to direct all traffic by means of visible or audible signals, and it shall be unlawful for any person to refuse or fail to comply with any lawful order, signal or direction of such traffic officers.

Section 11. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, or any rule or regulation made by the Town Marshal pursuant thereto, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished for the first offense by a fine not to exceed Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than five (5) days; for a second violation within a period of one (1) year by a fine not to exceed One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment; for a third and each additional offense committed within one (1) year by a fine not exceeding Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars, or by imprisonment not to exceed three (3) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 12. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 13. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to cause this ordinance to be published once in the San Anselmo Herald, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in said Town of San Anselmo and hereby designated for that purpose.

Section 14. This ordinance shall be deemed an emergency measure and one involving the public health and safety, the reason for the urgency being the fact that the traffic upon said streets herein designated boulevards is increasing and endangering the lives of persons and requires immediate regulation and control.

WHEREFORE this ordinance shall go into full force and effect immediately upon its passage, approval and publication.

B. H. Schmitt

President of the City Council
and Board of Trustees of the
Town of San Anselmo.

ATTEST:

L. B. Brown

Town Clerk.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council and Board of Trustees of the Town of San Anselmo, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 2nd day of July, 1928, by the following vote, to-wit:

Ayes

Trustees:

Diener

Fusselman

Smith

Schmitt

Noes

Trustees:

None

Absent

Trustees:

Hensley

L. B. Brown

Town Clerk.