

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING DRIVERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ST. MARY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: The driver of a vehicle upon a highway upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus which has stopped on the highway for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school children and whose driver has in the manner prescribed by law given the signal to stop, shall stop the vehicle before reaching such school bus and shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion, or until signaled by its driver to proceed.

SECTION TWO: Every bus used for the transportation of school children shall bear upon the front and rear thereon a plainly visible sign containing the words "school bus" in letters not less than eight inches in height. Each bus shall have lettered on the rear in plain and distinct type the following: "State Law: Stop while bus is loading and unloading". Each school bus shall be equipped with a mechanical and electrical signaling device approved by the state board of education, which will display a signal plainly visible from the front and rear and indicating intention to stop.

SECTION THREE: The driver of a school bus in the process of loading or unloading students upon a street or highway shall activate the mechanical and electrical signaling devices, in the manner prescribed by the state board of education to communicate to drivers of other vehicles that students are loading or unloading. No driver of a school bus shall take on or discharge passengers at any location upon a highway consisting of four or more lanes of traffic, whether or not divided by a median or barrier, in such manner as to require the passengers to cross more than two lanes of traffic; nor shall he take on or discharge passengers while the vehicle is upon the road or plainly visible for at least three hundred feet in each direction to drivers of other vehicles upon the highway and then only for such time as is actually necessary to take on and discharge passengers.

SECTION FOUR: The driver of a vehicle upon a highway with separate roadways need not stop upon meeting or overtaking a school bus which is on a different roadway, which is proceeding in the opposite direction on a highway containing four or more lanes of traffic, or which is stopped in a loading zone constituting a part of, or adjacent to, a limited or controlled access highway at a point where pedestrians are not permitted to cross the roadway.

SECTION FIVE: The driver of any school bus driving upon the highways of this state after loading or unloading school children, should remain stopped if the bus is followed by three or more vehicles, until such vehicles have been permitted to pass the

school bus, if the conditions prevailing make it safe to do so.

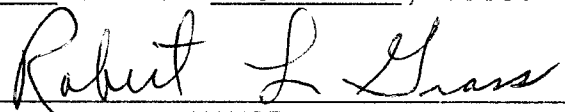
SECTION SIX: If any vehicle is witnessed by a peace officer or the driver of a school bus to have violated the provisions of this section and identity of the operator is not otherwise apparent, it shall be a rebuttable presumption that the person in whose name such vehicle is registered committed the violation. Notwithstanding the provisions in section 301.130, RSMo, every school bus shall be required to have two license plates. In the event that charges are filed against multiple owners of a motor vehicle, only one of the owners may be convicted and court costs may be assessed against only one of the owners. If the vehicle which is involved in the violation is registered in the name of a rental or leasing company and the vehicle is rented or leased to another person at the time of the violation, the rental or leasing company may rebut the presumption by providing the peace officer or prosecuting authority with a copy of the rental or lease agreement in effect at the time of the violation. No prosecuting authority may bring any legal proceedings against a rental or leasing company under this section unless prior written notice of the violation has been given to that rental or leasing company by registered mail at the address appearing on the registration and the rental or leasing company has failed to provide the rental or lease agreement copy within fifteen days of receipt of such notice.

SECTION SEVEN: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

SECTION EIGHT: All Ordinances and parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION NINE: The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Ordinance which can be given effect without such invalid part of parts.

READ THREE TIMES AND PASSED THIS 17th DAY OF September, 1988.

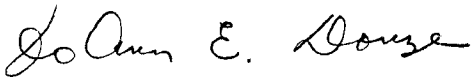

MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

<u>ALDERMEN</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Francis Bader	X			
Henry Coffman	X			
Robert Schultz	X			
Stephen Schwent	X			

I, JoAnn E. Donze, Clerk of the City of St. Mary, Missouri, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Mary, Missouri at a regular meeting thereof assembled this the 17TH day of September, 1988.



JoAnn E. Donze, City Clerk