

THE VEHICLE CODE

OF

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION CENTER

An act to establish traffic code, thereby consolidating and revising the rules, regulations and/or instructions of the War Relocation Authority relating to vehicles and vehicular traffic.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF HEART MOUNTAIN:

CHAPTER I

1. This act shall be known as the Vehicle Code of Heart Mountain Relocation Center and shall be a part of the Penal Code of Heart Mountain.
2. The provisions of this code shall supersede all rules, regulations and/or instructions of the War Relocation Authority heretofore in existence or enforced at this Project.
3. All persons who violate this code shall be deemed guilty of an offense and shall be tried and penalty imposed as provided for in the Penal Code by the Judicial Commission of Heart Mountain unless otherwise ordered by the Project Director.

CHAPTER II

DEFINITIONS

VEHICLES - Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is transported or drawn upon a public highway, except devices moved by human power.

BICYCLE - For the purpose of this act, a bicycle shall be deemed a vehicle.

MOTOR VEHICLE - Every device that is self-propelled. This shall not include tractors, or implements of husbandry.

MOTORCYCLE - Every motor vehicle designed to travel upon a highway with not more than three wheels in contact with the road or highway upon which it is travelling. This shall not include three wheel tractors.

MOTOR TRUCK - A motor truck is a motor vehicle so designed that its principal use shall be that of transporting property unless otherwise designated by proper authorities.

A FARM TRACTOR is a motor vehicle designed and used primarily as a farm implement for drawing plows, mowing machines and other implements of husbandry.

IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY - All hayrakes, binders, mowers, tractors, which are used exclusively for agricultural work and are moved temporarily on highways from job to job shall be deemed vehicles.

A "road tractor" is a motor vehicle designed and used for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry any load thereon and is used in road repair construction work.

An "Authorized Emergency Vehicle" shall be described as follows:
Any vehicle that is driven by a member of the Fire Department when in actual pursuit of duty or answering fire or emergency calls.
Any vehicle that is operated by any member of the Police Department or any member of the Internal Security.
Any vehicle or ambulance that is operated by the Health department when used in connection with work of that department.

"PUBLIC HIGHWAY" - A "public highway" shall be defined as all streets, roads, lanes, viaducts, bridges, alleys, parking spaces, school grounds and all other places open to vehicular traffic.

DEFINITIONS (cont.)

"THROUGH HIGHWAYS" - A "through highway" is a highway or portion thereof at the entrance to which vehicular traffic from intersecting highways is required to stop before entering or crossing the same, and when stop signs are erected as provided by this Code.

"PERSON" - Every natural person.

"PEDESTRIAN" - Any person afoot.

"DRIVER" - "Driver" is a person who starts or attempts to start or is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle. For the purpose of this act a driver and an operator shall be deemed one and the same.

"RIGHT OF WAY" - Privilege of the immediate use of the highway.

"CENTER" or "RELOCATION AREA" - means a community administered by W. R. A. provisions.

"AREA" or "RELOCATION" means the entire area which surrounds and includes a Relocation Center which is under the general Administration jurisdiction of the War Relocation Authority.

CHAPTER III

SPEED

SECTION I

A. No person shall drive a vehicle on the highways of this center at a rate of speed that is not prudent and proper, with due regard for the safety of persons or property. Nor shall any person at any time drive a vehicle over twenty-five miles per hour.

B. The following speed set forth shall apply in the designated districts:

- 15 miles per hour within the school districts.
- 15 miles per hour at intersections.
- 8 miles per hour within the confines of any block.

C. School districts shall be:

1. Block 25 - 6
Block 25 - 25 On Avenue H - I
2. Block 25 - 19
Block 25 - 26 On Avenue G - H
3. Block 12 - 7
Block 12 - 26 On Avenue D - H
4. Block 15 - 18 On Avenue F
5. Block 6 - 7
Block 6 - 26 On Avenue B - C

CHAPTER IV

RULES OF THE ROAD

SECTION I

The following rules shall be in effect and obeyed at all times:

RIGHT TURN - A driver intending to turn right shall drive on the right hand side of the highway.

LEFT TURN - A driver intending to turn left shall drive near the center or the left portion of the right hand half of the highway before making turns.

PASSING - SAME DIRECTION - The driver when overtaking another vehicle shall pass to the left and clear all oncoming traffic one hundred and fifty feet (150 feet). Nor shall the driver pull back to the right hand side of highway until he has safely cleared the vehicle passed.

RULES OF THE ROAD (cont.)

PASSING - MEETING - When passing a vehicle going in the opposite direction a driver shall stay to the right hand side of the highway.

HAND SIGNALS - Hand signals shall be given when a driver intends to stop, turn, or decrease speed.

- a. To show intention of stopping or decreasing speed, the driver of the vehicle shall hold his arm at full length out and downward.
- b. To turn left the arm shall be extended in a straight and horizontal position.
- c. To turn right, the arm shall be extended, at full length, out and upward.
- d. Any signal of intention to turn right or left shall be given continuously during the last 50 feet of travel of vehicle before turning.

COASTING - No operator shall coast on a down grade with his clutch out or disengaged, or gears in neutral position.

HORN SIGNAL - An operator of a vehicle before passing another vehicle going in the same direction shall show his intention of doing so by giving an audible blast of his horn or warning device.

Unless otherwise directed to the contrary by a member of Internal Security Police Department, the following rules shall be in effect at all times:

DRIVE ON RIGHT - A vehicle shall at all times be driven on the right hand side of highway except when passing or turning or when the physical condition of the highway makes it impossible to do so.

PASSING ON HILL - A driver of a vehicle shall not pass another vehicle on a grade or crest of a hill unless he has a clear view of the highway for two hundred feet (200 feet).

U-TURN - No operator shall make a "U" turn on "C" or "F" Streets.

RAILROAD CROSSING - The driver of all vehicles that are carrying passengers shall stop, look, and listen, before crossing any interurban railroad crossing.

An operator of a vehicle shall observe all signs that are posted to regulate traffic.

An operator of a vehicle shall not follow another vehicle any closer than is reasonable and prudent with regard to speed and traffic.

"Passing School Bus" - The driver of any vehicle 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 shall bring such vehicle to a stop immediately before passing said school bus and then proceed past such school bus at a speed not greater than ten miles per hour.

CHAPTER V

RIGHT OF WAY

The driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection shall yield the right of way to a vehicle which has entered the intersection from a different highway.

When two vehicles entering an intersection from different highways at the same time, the driver of a vehicle on the left shall yield the right of way to the driver of the vehicle on the right.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AT INTERSECTION WHEN TURNING:

The driver of a vehicle within an intersection intending to turn to the left shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction which is within the intersection or so close thereto as to constitute an immediate hazard, but said driver, having so yielded and having given a signal when and as required by this Act, may make such left turn and the drivers of all other vehicles approaching the intersection from said opposite direction shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle making the left turn.

RIGHT OF WAY (cont.)

RIGHT-OF-WAY EMERGENCY VEHICLES:

Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle, when the driver is giving audible signal by siren, exhaust whistle, or bell, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to the right hand edge or curb of the highway clear of any intersection, and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed except when otherwise directed by a police officer.

VEHICLES MUST STOP AT HIGHWAYS:

Driver of any vehicle upon approaching any intersection of a highway or intersection posted with a stop sign shall come to a complete stop before entering such highway or intersections.

The driver of a vehicle on a through street shall have the right of way over vehicles entering said street. This does not excuse the driver on the through street from exercising due caution at all times.

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE RIGHT-OF-WAY:

The driver of all vehicles shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians, horse drawn vehicles, and operators of bicycles. This shall not excuse pedestrians or drivers of horse driven operators and operators of bicycles from using due caution at all times.

CHAPTER VI

PARKING

PARKING PROHIBITED:

No person shall stop or park a vehicle except to avoid conflict with traffic, or at the direction of a police officer or a member of the Internal Security or traffic control device or in compliance with these Rules and Regulations, in any of the following areas:

1. In an intersection.
2. Within 15 feet of the fire plug.
3. Within 25 feet of any building.
4. Where parking is prohibited by an officially posted sign.
5. On or near a crest of a hill where vehicle cannot be seen for 150 feet by on-coming vehicles.

Upon any highway outside of the Center no person shall park or leave standing, any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon the paved or improved or main travelled portion of the highway when it is practicable to stop, park or leave such vehicle off such part or portion of said highway.

CHAPTER VII

RECKLESS DRIVING

Any person who operates a vehicle in a wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property shall be guilty of reckless driving.

CHAPTER VIII

DRIVING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE
OF
INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR DRUGS

It is unlawful for any person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs to drive a vehicle upon any highway.

CHAPTER IX

LICENSES

LICENSE REQUIRED - No person shall drive a vehicle within the center or center

LICENSES (cont.)

proper without first obtaining a War Relocation Authority driver's license or without first obtaining a written permission from the Project Director or his authorized agent.

TRANSFER OF LICENSES - No person authorized to drive a vehicle either by license or written authorization shall at any time transfer his license or written permission to another person to be used by that person for the purpose of operating a vehicle.

EMPLOYEES - No employer or person shall hire another to drive or operate a vehicle unless he has ascertained that said person has first been licensed as an operator.

The Project Director or his authorized agent shall have the right to refuse a license to any person who is mentally or physically unfit to drive a vehicle.

The operator of any motor vehicle shall have his operators license in his immediate possession at all times while driving a motor vehicle and shall display the same upon demand of any peace officer.

CHAPTER X

OTHER RULES

The driver of any vehicle carrying passengers before starting this initial trip of the day shall see that his vehicle has been inspected and safe to operate.

The driver of any vehicle shall not permit more than two persons in addition to the driver in the drivers compartment.

No person at any time shall ride on the tail, drop-gate, fender, top of cab or any other place or position that is dangerous to the person who is doing so or other occupants of the vehicle.

MOTOR TRUCKS & BOX BACK VEHICLES:

A driver of any motor truck or box back vehicle, carrying passengers, shall see that the tail or end gate of said vehicle is "up" and securely fastened.

When passengers are desirous of entering or leaving the vehicles, the driver shall bring the vehicle to a complete stop and see that said passenger can enter or leave with safety. This does not excuse passengers from exercising caution in regard to existing traffic condition.

LOADS EXTENDING:

Whenever the load on any vehicle extends to the rear four feet or more beyond the bed or body of such vehicle, there shall be displayed at the extreme end of such load a red flag or cloth not less than 16 inches square.

STICKERS ON WINDSHIELD:

No motor vehicle upon a highway shall have any sign, poster card, sticker or other non-transparent material upon the windshield, side wings, or side or rear windows of the vehicle, except that such stickers or materials may be placed within a ten inch square in the lower corner farthest removed from the drivers position.

DIRT ON WINDSHIELD:

It shall be the duty of an operator to see that the windshield, of the vehicle he is operating, is clean and free of dirt or any other substance that might impair his vision.

"Unattended Vehicle":

No person driving, in control of or in charge of, a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand on any public highway unattended without first effectively setting the brakes there on and stopping the motor thereof.

"Throwing Lighted Substance from Vehicle":

No person shall wilfully or negligently throw from any vehicle upon any highway any lighted cigarette, cigar, ashes, or any other flaming or glowing substance.

OTHER RULES (cont.)

"Tampering with Vehicle":

No person shall either individually or in association with one or more persons, wilfully injure or tamper with any vehicle or the contents thereof or break or remove any part or parts of or from a vehicle without the consent of the owner or person in charge of said vehicle.

"Driving over Fire Hose":

No person shall either wilfully or negligently drive over a fire hose.

CHAPTER XI

LIGHTS AND BRAKES

"LIGHTS - WHEN DISPLAYED - An operator of a vehicle shall have his head and tail lamps lighted between one half hour after sunset and one half hour before sunrise or when atmospheric conditions make it impossible to discern any person or vehicle at a distance of two hundred feet.

"DIM LIGHTS -- WHEN USED" - On meeting and passing an operator shall dim his head-lamps before coming within a distance of three hundred feet of the oncoming vehicle.

CHAPTER XII

ACCIDENTS

"ACCIDENTS -- Reported" - The driver of a vehicle involved in any accident resulting in injuries to or the death of any person shall immediately make, or cause to be made a written report of such accident to the Police Department or the Internal Security Division.

The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in damage to one or both vehicles, shall make a proper report of same.

CHAPTER XIII

This act shall take effect and be in force as provided for in the charter.

Dated this 21 day of December, 1943.

/s/ T. T. Sashihara

Chairman, Community Council

/s/ Shogo Iwanoto

Secretary, Community Council

Approved December 15, 1943.

/s/ Guy Robertson

Project Director