

Ordinances Governing

**RAILROADS**

in the

CITY OF ARLINGTON

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**ARTICLE I**

**SPEED**

**Section 1.01 Speed of Trains**

It shall be unlawful to operate or run, or cause to be operated or run, any railroad engine, car, or train of cars, within the city, at a speed in excess of the following prescribed limits:

- a. While crossing at grade level any public street not protected by automatic crossing gates, twenty (20) miles per hour.
- b. Elsewhere within the city, forty (40) miles per hour.

**ARTICLE II**

**CROSSINGS**

**Section 2.01 Maintenance of Crossings**

At all curves and at all street intersections or crossings, all railroad companies shall maintain and keep their road bed and tracks, and approaches thereto, for the full width of the street, in good safe and passable condition for vehicles by filling between the rail tracks and the approaches thereto, either with approved ballasting material, plank or pavement. (Code of 1920)

**Section 2.02 Blocking Crossings**

It shall be unlawful to obstruct the crossing, or any portion of the width thereof, of any street in the City by any railroad engine, car, or train of cars of any description for a longer time than five (5) consecutive minutes; provided, that this section shall not apply to any through train passing over such crossings and kept in constant forward motion while passing such crossings.

**Section 2.03 Railroad Whistles**

- A. No railroad whistle shall be blown or sounded within the corporate limits of the City, except as follows:
1. Said whistle may be sounded where the railroad track upon which a railroad engine is propelled crosses a public road or street at grade level and such crossing is not protected by automatic crossing gates, in which case the sounding of said whistle shall not commence until the engine is within 500 feet of such crossing and shall cease when the engine has passed such crossing.
  2. Said whistle may be sounded to signal the imminent peril of a person or an animal upon or near the railroad track in order to warn such person or animal thereof.
- B. By the term "railroad whistle" is meant the steam whistle, air horn, or other like device attached to or connected with a railroad locomotive engine for use as a signal. (Amend Ord 2005, 6/18/68)

ARTICLE III

RESPONSIBILITY FOR VIOLATIONS

Section 3.01 Violations; Penalty

Any person violating, or causing or permitting to be violated, any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and the penalty prescribed by this Code for such violation shall extend to any and all persons in actual control of such engine, car, or cars, to any and all persons having direction over the movement of such engine, car, or cars, and to any and all general or division officers of any corporation owning or controlling such engines or cars, who shall have the authority to give orders in relation to the manner of operation of such engines or cars within the City, who shall fail to give the orders necessary for compliance with this Chapter or fail to enforce such orders when given. (Amend Ord 1965, 3/--/1968)