

St. Louis City Ordinance 64872

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

BOARD BILL NO. [99] 274

INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN FREEMAN BOSLEY, SR.

An ordinance repealing subsection 827.020 of Section One of Ordinance 57831, approved on April 19, 1979, and enacting a new ordinance, to be made part of the Traffic Code, pertaining to organized funeral processions; containing definitions, a penalty clause and an emergency clause.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE. Subsection 827.020 of Section One of Ordinance 57831, approved on April 19, 1979, is hereby repealed and, in lieu thereof, a new ordinance is enacted to read as follows:

SECTION TWO. Definitions.

As used in this ordinance, the following terms mean:

1. "Funeral director", a person licensed as a funeral director pursuant to the provisions of chapter 333, RSMo;
2. "Funeral lead vehicle" or "lead vehicle", any motor vehicle equipped with at least one lighted circulating lamp exhibiting an amber or purple light or lens or alternating flashing headlamps visible under normal atmospheric conditions for a distance of five hundred feet from the front of the vehicle. A hearse or coach properly equipped may be a lead vehicle;
3. "Organized funeral procession", two or more vehicles accompanying the remains of a deceased person from a funeral establishment, church, synagogue or other place where a funeral service has taken place to a cemetery, crematory or other place of final disposition, or a funeral establishment, church, synagogue or other place where additional funeral services will be performed, if directed by a licensed funeral director from a licensed establishment.

SECTION THREE.

1. Except as otherwise provided for in this ordinance, pedestrians and operators of all other vehicles shall yield the right of way to any vehicle which is a part of an organized funeral procession.

2. Notwithstanding any traffic control device or right of way provision prescribed by state or local law, when the funeral lead vehicle in an organized funeral procession lawfully enters an intersection, all vehicles in the procession shall follow the lead vehicle through the intersection. The operator of each vehicle in the procession shall exercise the highest degree of care toward any other vehicle or pedestrian on the roadway.

3. An organized funeral procession shall have the right of way at all intersections regardless of any traffic control device at such intersections, except that operators of vehicles in an organized funeral procession shall yield the right of way to any approaching emergency vehicle pursuant to the provisions of section 304.022, RSMo, or when directed to do so by a law enforcement officer.

SECTION FOUR.

1. All vehicles in an organized funeral procession shall follow the preceding vehicle in the procession as closely as is practical and safe under the conditions.

2. No person shall operate any vehicle as part of an organized funeral procession without the flashing emergency lights of such vehicle being lighted, and shall display in a manner visible to traffic a sign stating funeral.

SECTION FIVE.

1. Any person who is not an operator of a vehicle in an organized funeral procession shall not:

(1) Drive between the vehicles comprising an organized funeral procession while such vehicles are in motion and have the flashing emergency lights lighted pursuant to paragraph two of Section Four herein, except when required to do so by a law enforcement officer or when such person is operating an emergency vehicle giving an audible or visual signal;

(2) Join a funeral procession for the purpose of securing the right of way granted in Section Four; or

(3) Attempt to pass any vehicle in an organized funeral procession, except where a passing lane has been specifically provided.

2. When an organized funeral procession is proceeding through a red signal light as permitted in Section Three, a vehicle not in the organized funeral procession shall not enter the intersection unless such vehicle may do so without crossing the path of the funeral procession.

SECTION SIX. Any violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of one hundred dollars.

SECTION SEVEN. Emergency clause.

This being an ordinance for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the mayor.

Legislative History				
1ST READING	REF TO COMM	COMMITTEE	COMM SUB	COMM AMEND
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