

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
BLACKOUTS AND AIR RAID PROTECTION, ORDERS, RULES
AND REGULATIONS PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLA-
TION THEREOF; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the United States of America is now engaged in a war with foreign powers and the defense of our Nation is in the hands of our Army and Navy; and

WHEREAS, in modern warfare no city, however distant from the enemy, is free from attack; and

WHEREAS, lights at night time are a definite aid to the enemy in reaching military and other objectives; and

WHEREAS, blackouts, when ordered by the Army or Navy, or Civilian Defense authority when acting with the sanction or approval of the Army or Navy, are essential to the preservation of life and property in this city, and it is imperative that the City of Dry Ridge aid the Army and Navy and Civilian Defense authorities by all possible cooperation and assistance; and

WHEREAS, failure to extinguish lights when ordered to do so by duly authorized authorities may result in loss of life and damage to property in the City of Dry Ridge as well as other parts of the State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with orders, rules and regulations governing evacuations, traffic movements, congregation of persons in streets and other public places will result in confusion and endanger life and property during blackouts and air-raids in the day-time, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DRY RIDGE, KENTUCKY:

Section 1. In order to protect life and property in the City of Dry Ridge from enemy action the Mayor is authorized and directed to carry out blackouts and air raid protection measures in said City at such times and for such periods as are ordered by the Army or Navy, or Civilian Defense authorities when acting with the sanction or approval of the Army or Navy, and to promulgate such orders, rules, and regulations as may be necessary to insure the success of the blackouts and air raid protection measures and to protect life and property during said periods; Provided, that said orders, rules, and regulations, shall include traffic movements of emergency or other vehicles, evacuation of residents, congregation of persons on public streets, sidewalks, in public places or buildings, but this enumeration shall not be taken as a limitation on the power to promulgate orders,

rules, regulations, governing any other subject, persons or property which must be regulated in order to insure the proper carrying out of any duly authorized blackout or air raid protection measures.

Section 2. The Mayor may appoint for a specified time as many special police, without pay, from among the residents of the City of Dry Ridge as may be deemed advisable for service in connection with any blackout or air raid protection measures. During the term of service of such special police, they shall possess all the powers and privileges and perform all the duties of privates in the standing police force of the City of Dry Ridge. Said special police must wear such identifying emblem or uniform as may be prescribed by the Mayor and it shall be unlawful for any special policemen to attempt to carry out any order, rules, or regulation promulgated under the authority conferred by this ordinance when he is not wearing said identifying emblem or uniform.

Section 3. This ordinance is an exercise by the City of its governmental functions for the protection of the public peace, health, and safety, and neither the City of Dry Ridge nor any individual subject to regulations lawfully included herein or promulgated pursuant to authority herein conferred shall be liable for any damage sustained to person or property during or as the result of, an authorized blackout or air raid protection measure.

Section 4. When deemed necessary in order to protect life or property during a blackout or air raid the police, or the special police authorized herein, are authorized and directed to enter upon any premises within the City of Dry Ridge and extinguish lights or take other necessary action to make effective any order, rule, or regulation promulgated under the authority conferred by this ordinance.

Section 5. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance or any order, rule, or regulation made, issued and proclaimed by the Mayor pursuant thereto shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or by both said fine and said imprisonment.

Section 6. It is the intention of the Common Council that each separate provision of this ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein, and it is further the intention of the Common Council that if any provision thereof shall be declared to be invalid, all other provisions thereof shall remain valid and enforceable.

Section 7. This ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace and safety of the persons and property of residents of the City of Dry Ridge in that it is in the furtherance of the public welfare that immediate steps be taken to enforce blackout and other regulations, and an emergency is therefore declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage.

This ordinance takes effect after its adoption and publication as required by law passed and approved this 3 day of November, 1942.

/s/ Harry J. Eckler
Chairman of the Board

Attest: /s/ Guy W. Stearns
City Clerk