

ORDINANCE NO. 131

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THAT MOTOR VEHICLES OPERATED, STORED OR PARKED UPON THE STREETS OF THE TOWN OF MILLS TO BE REGISTERED AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY AND IMPOUNDING OF UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MARSHAL TO IMPOUND VEHICLES ON THE STREETS OF THE TOWN OF MILLS AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF TOWING CHARGES AND STORAGE CHARGES OF IMPOUNDED VEHICLES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MILLS, WYOMING:

SECTION 1. Vehicles to be Registered.---It shall be unlawful for any person to operate, store, park or otherwise maintain a motor vehicle upon the public streets, alleys or highways of the Town of Mills without first having registered said vehicle, obtained a license therefor, and affixed thereto such license plates as are required, all in accordance with the applicable laws of the State of Wyoming pertaining to the licensing and registration of motor vehicles, as such laws now exist and as may from time to time be amended.

SECTION 2. Unlicensed Vehicles to be Taken Up.---If any such vehicle shall be permitted to remain parked on or in any such street, alley or highway without proper and current license plates, or if the same shall be stored or parked in violation of Section 1 of this Ordinance for a period of seven (7) days or longer and the owner thereof cannot be located through the information in the files pertaining to registration of such vehicles, or if the owner fails or refuses to remove the same after notice, then and in that event such violation shall be deemed to be and to constitute a nuisance, and the Town Marshal of the Town of Mills or any officer thereof shall have authority to remove said vehicle or to cause it to be removed and stored under the direction of the Town Marshal of the Town of Mills, and to cause the expense of such removal

and storage to be charged against such vehicle, and in which event any person who shall furnish storage or service in the removal of said vehicle shall be entitled to avail himself of the lien laws of the State of Wyoming.

SECTION 3. Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of Section 1 and 2 of this Ordinance shall be fined in a sum not less than five dollars (\$5.00) and not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each violation; and each and every day that such motor vehicle shall be stored, parked, or otherwise maintained on such public street, alley or highway in violation hereof shall constitute a separate violation of the first two sections of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Authority to Impound Vehicles.-- (a) The Town Marshal of the Town of Mills is hereby authorized to remove a vehicle from a street or highway or restricted parking area to a place of safety under the circumstances hereinafter enumerated:

1. When any vehicle is left unattended upon any bridge, or viaduct, where such vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic.
2. When a vehicle upon any public street, alley or highway is so disabled as to constitute an obstruction to traffic and the person or persons in charge of the vehicle are by reason of physical injury incapacitated to such an extent as to be unable to provide for its custody or removal.
3. When any vehicle is left unattended upon a street and is so parked illegally as to constitute a definite hazard or obstruction to the normal movement of traffic.
4. When a vehicle is left parked in the same place continuously for 72 hours.

5. When the driver or such vehicle is taken into custody by the Town Marshal and such vehicle would thereby be left unattended upon a street, highway, or restricted parking area.

6. When such vehicle is found being driven on the streets or highways and is not in proper condition to be driven.

7. When a driver, owner, or person in charge of such vehicle, while driving or in charge of such vehicle, or while such vehicle was parked or stopped, has received a notice to answer to a charge against him for violation of the traffic ordinances, and such driver, owner, or person in charge has failed to appear and answer to such charge.

8. Any violator taken into custody pursuant to the provisions of Town ordinances prohibiting driving man under the influence of intoxicating liquor may at the discretion of the proper authority be released without posting bond if he agrees to the impounding by the Town Marshal of the vehicle owned and driven by him to ensure his appearance in the municipal court to answer the charges against him, and pay such fine as may be imposed against him.

9 (a). No vehicle impounded as set out above shall be released until the charges for towing such vehicle and storage have been paid.

(b). Whenever a vehicle is removed from a street as authorized in this section and the Town Marshal knows or is able to ascertain from the registration or other records in the vehicle or otherwise the name and address of the owner thereof, the Town Marshall shall immediately give or cause to be given notice in writing to such owner of the fact of such removal, the reasons therefor and of the place to which such vehicle has been removed.

(c) Whenever the Town Marshal removes a vehicle from a street under this section and does not know and is not able to ascertain the name of the owner, or for any other reason is unable to give the notice to the owner as hereinbefore provided, and in the event the vehicle is not returned to the owner within a period of 3 days, then and in that event the Town Marshal may consider that said motor vehicle may have been stolen and shall immediately send or cause to be sent a written report of such removal by mail to the state department whose duty it is to register motor vehicles. Such notice shall include a complete description of the vehicle, the date, time and place from which removed, the reasons for such removal, and place where the vehicle is stored, with the request that the owner of such vehicle be notified immediately.

(d) The Town Marshal, in the manner provided by law, may sell any motor vehicle impounded under the provisions hereof whenever any such vehicle shall have been impounded for a period of 90 days, and no claim of ownership shall have been made.

(e) Whenever the Town Marshal finds a vehicle standing upon a street, highway, or restricted parking area in violation of the provisions of this ordinance prohibiting the standing of such vehicle in such place, such officer is hereby authorized to move such vehicle, or require the driver or other person in charge of the vehicle to move the same to a legal standing position.

(Seal

(Sign)

Mayor

(Attest)

Town Clerk

I, Norane Reed, Town Clerk of the Town of Mills, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. _____, entitled "AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THAT MOTOR VEHICLES OPERATED, STORED OR PARKED UPON THE STREETS OF THE TOWN OF MILLS TO BE REGISTERED AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY AND IMPOUNDING OF UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MARSHAL TO IMPOUND VEHICLES ON THE STREETS OF THE TOWN OF MILLS AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF TOWING CHARGES AND STORAGE CHARGES OF IMPOUNDED VEHICLES," passed by the Town Council of the Town of Mills at a _____ meeting held at the Council chamber of the town hall, the _____ day of _____, 1962.

(Sign)

Town Clerk

I, regularly appointed, duly qualified and acting Town Clerk of the Town of Mills, Wyoming, do hereby certify that signed, attested, sealed and certified copies of this Ordinance No. _____ approved and passed as certified above, were, following its passage by the Town Council, posted up in three public places within the Town of Mills for a period of ten days, as required by law; and that it took effect and became in force as a legal ordinance of the Town of Mills, Wyoming, the _____ day of _____, 1962.

(Sign)

Town Clerk