

ORDINANCE NO. 9-56

By: Mr. Hunt

To establish rules and regulations with regard to the operation and ownership of motor vehicles within the City of Bexley, Ohio.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. Display of license plates.

That no person who is the owner or operator of a motor vehicle shall fail to display on the front and rear of such motor vehicle the distinctive number and registration mark, furnished by the Director of Highway Safety of Ohio, and commonly known as license plates, except that the manufacturer of motor vehicles or dealer therein, the holder of an in transit permit, and the owner or operator of a house trailer, trailer or semitrailer shall display on the rear only. Such number plates shall be securely fastened so as not to swing.

Section 2. Restriction against driving with license suspended.

That no person whose operator's or chauffeur's license has been suspended or revoked, under sections 4507.01 to 4507.39, inclusive, of the Revised Code of Ohio, shall drive any motor vehicle upon the highways of this city while such license is suspended or revoked.

Section 3. Use of counterfeit plates.

That no person shall operate or drive a motor vehicle upon the highways of this city if it displays a distinctive number or identification mark which:

- (A) Is fictitious;
- (B) Is a counterfeit or an unlawfully-made copy of any distinctive number or identification mark;
- (C) Belongs to another motor vehicle or belongs to a motor vehicle the ownership of which has been transferred after initial registration under such number or mark.

Section 4. Production of counterfeit number plates.

That no person shall knowingly, with intent either to sell the product or defraud the State of Ohio, and not acting under the authority of the Ohio Director of Highways, do any of the following acts:

- (A) Make, produce, or manufacture a distinctive number or identification mark similar to those manufactured under authority of the Director;
- (B) Alter, change, or deface a distinctive number or identification mark manufactured under authority of the Director;
- (C) Sell, counterfeit, or attempt to counterfeit, in any manner, such distinctive number or identification mark, either of a current registration year or of the next succeeding registration year.

Section 5. Resident operating with number issued by foreign state.

That no person who is the owner of a motor vehicle and a resident of the State of Ohio shall operate or drive such motor vehicle upon the highways of this city, while it displays a distinctive number or identification mark issued by or under the authority of another state, without complying with the laws of this state relating to the registration and identification of motor vehicles.

Section 6. Tampering with the motor vehicle of another.

That no person shall:

- (A) Purposely and without authority from the owner, start the motor of any motor vehicle;
- (B) Maliciously and purposely shift or change the starting device or gears of a standing motor vehicle to a position other than that in which they were left by the owner or driver of said motor vehicle;
- (C) Purposely cut, mark, scratch, or damage the chassis, running gear, body, sides, top, robe, covering or upholstery of another person's motor vehicle;

(D) Purposely destroy any part of such vehicle with or by any liquid or other substance, or cut, mash, mark, or in any other way destroy or damage the cylinder, radiator, steering gear, fire extinguisher, fan, belt, valve, pipe, wire, cap, lamp, gas or oil tank, cup, signal device, clock, chain, tool, coil, spring, speedometer, starter, battery, spark plug, brake, tool box, oiler, pump, switch, nut, casting, tire, rim, tube, box, basket, trunk or carrier, rod, bolt, shield, fender, bracket, gauge, glass, hood, lock, cap, screw, carburetor, magneto, license number, electric bulb, or any device, emblem, monogram or other attachment, fastening or other appurtenance of a motor vehicle, without the permission of the owner thereof;

(E) Purposely drain or start the drainage of any radiator or oil tank upon another person's motor vehicle;

(F) Purposely put any metallic or other substance or liquid, in the radiator, carburetor, oil tank, grease cup, oilers, lamps, or machinery of a motor vehicle, with the intent to injure or damage the same or impede the working of the machinery;

(G) Maliciously tighten or loosen any bracket, bolt, wire, screw, or other fastening on a motor vehicle;

(H) Purposely release the brake upon a standing motor vehicle, with the intent to injure said machine.

Section 7. Motor vehicle with concealed identity.

That no person shall knowingly buy, sell, receive, dispose of, conceal, or have in his possession any motor vehicle, as defined in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code of Ohio, from which the manufacturer's serial number or other distinguishing number or identification mark has been removed, defaced, covered, or destroyed, for the purpose of concealing or destroying the identity of the said motor vehicle.

Section 8. Penalty.

That whoever violates sections 1 to 7, inclusive, of the foregoing ordinance shall be fined not more than \$50.00.

Adopted: Jan 10, 1956

Attest: Al Purscott
Clerk of Council

C. J. Smith
President of Council

Approved: 1/10, 1956

H. H. Schmidt
Mayor