

No. 2687

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To amend By-law number 2479
of the Corporation of the
City of Victoria entitled
"Streets Traffic and Regulation
By-law 1929".

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The Municipal Council of the Corporation of
the City of Victoria enacts as follows:-

1. Section 1. of By-law number 2479 of the
Corporation of the City of Victoria entitled "Streets
Traffic and Regulation By-law, 1929" is amended by
adding thereto the following paragraphs:-

"(o) The word "traffic" shall mean and include
pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles
and other conveyances either singly or together
while using any street for purposes of travel.

(p) The words "traffic-control signal" shall
mean any device using coloured lights or words,
or any combination thereof, whether manually,
electrically, or mechanically operated, by which
traffic is alternately directed to stop and to
proceed, and which is erected pursuant to any
by-law or resolution of the Council."

2. Section 2. of said By-law number 2479 as
enacted by Section 1. of By-law number 2603 entitled
"Streets Traffic and Regulation By-law, 1929, Amendment
By-law (No.5) 1932" is repealed and the following is
substituted therefor:-

"2. No person in charge, control or possession
of any vehicle shall reverse the direction of
said vehicle in any street except at the junc-
tion of inter-communicating streets and except
for the purpose of moving said vehicle to a
stationary position parallel to and within
twelve inches of, the curb or for the purpose
of moving said vehicle from a stationary
position at the curb into the line of traffic
on said street.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that no person in charge, control or possession of any vehicle shall reverse the direction of said vehicle at the following street intersections, namely:-

- Broad and View Streets
- Broad and Fort Streets
- Government and View Streets
- Government and Fort Streets
- Douglas Street and Pandora Avenue
- Douglas and Johnson Streets
- Douglas and Yates Streets
- Douglas and View Streets
- Douglas and Fort Streets

or at any other street intersection where a mechanical device for the direction of traffic (commonly known as a "Stop" and "Go" signal) is being operated.

3. Section 5. of said By-law number 2479 is repealed and the following is substituted therefor:-

"5.(1) It shall be lawful for the Municipal Council for the better regulation of traffic to place or cause to be placed on or above the surface of any street or streets such signs or signals other than those hereinbefore referred to of such character and in such locations as the Municipal Council may deem desirable.

(2) All signs and signals referred to in this and the preceding Section of this By-law existing and in place at the time of the passing of this By-law are hereby declared to have been placed or caused to be placed by the Municipal Council.

(3) Whenever traffic at any intersection is alternately directed to proceed or to stop by the use of traffic control signals exhibiting green or red lights respectively or the words "Go" or "Stop" and when a definite time interval between such time signals, such lights and words shall indicate as follows:- except as provided in subsection (4) of this Section.

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(a) "Green Light" or "Go" shall mean or indicate that traffic facing such signal may proceed across the intersection (except vehicular traffic which shall yield the right of way to pedestrians and vehicles lawfully within the intersection at the time such signal was exhibited)

(b) "Red Light" or "Stop" shall mean and indicate that traffic facing the signal shall not proceed until the "Green" or "Go" signal is displayed and moving traffic facing the signal shall stop before entering the intersection and remain standing until the "Green" or "Go" signal is displayed.

(4) At any street intersection where traffic at such intersection is controlled by a traffic control signal or by a Police Officer or Officers no pedestrian shall cross the intersection when such traffic-control signal facing him displays a "Red" or "Stop" signal, or contrary to the direction of such Police Officer or Officers, and no pedestrian shall cross any such intersection except between the lines marking the outer portions of the intersection for pedestrian traffic. A pedestrian crossing or starting to cross any such intersection when such traffic-control signal facing him displays a "Green" or "Go" signal or when directed by Police Officer to proceed shall have the right of way over all vehicles including those making turns, until such pedestrian has reached the opposite curb, and no driver of any vehicle shall fail to give the right of way to any such pedestrian.

(5) No person shall disobey the directions or requirements on or indicated by any sign, signal or traffic-control signal authorized or placed in accordance with the provisions of this by-law or of a resolution of the Council unless otherwise directed by any Police Officer.

4. (a) Section 11 of said By-law number 2479 is amended by striking out sub-clauses numbered (4) and (8) thereof and substituting therefor the following:

"(4) On the North side of Fort Street for a

distance of One hundred and six (106) feet east of Douglas Street.

(8) On the south side of Fort Street for a distance of Twenty (20) feet east of Langley Street.

4. (b) Section 11 of said By-law number 2479 is further amended by adding thereto the following new sub-clauses:-

(32) On the north side of Johnson Street for a distance of twenty-five (25) feet measured westerly from the east side of the main entrance of St. James Hotel, 642 Johnson Street.

(33) On the west side of Douglas Street for a distance of twenty (20) feet measured five (5) feet north and fifteen (15) feet south of the centre of the main entrance of Douglas Hotel at 1424 Douglas Street.

(34) On the east side of Douglas Street for a distance of twenty (20) feet measured ten (10) feet north and ten (10) feet south of the centre of the main entrance of Balmoral Hotel at 1107 Douglas Street.

(35) On the east side of Douglas Street for a distance of twenty-five (25) feet measured northerly from the south side of the cafe entrance of Strathcona Hotel at 919 Douglas Street.

(36) On the north side of Yates Street for a distance of twenty-five (25) feet measured westerly from the east side of the main entrance of Metropolis Hotel at 712 Yates Street.

(37) On the south side of Yates Street for a distance of twenty-five (25) feet measured easterly from the west side of the main entrance of Dominion Hotel at 759 Yates Street.

(38) On the east side of Government Street for a distance of twenty-five (25) feet measured twelve (12) feet six (6) inches north and twelve (12) feet six (6) inches south of

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the centre of the main entrance of Westholme Hotel at 1417 Government Street.

(39) On the West side of Blanshard Street for a distance of twenty (20) feet measured southerly from the north side of the main entrance of the Cecil Hotel at 1322 Blanshard Street.

5. Section 12 of said By-law number 2479 as enacted by Section 6 of By-law number 2603 entitled "Streets Traffic and Regulation By-law 1929, Amendment By-law (No.5) 1932" is amended by striking out clause (b) of paragraph number 1, thereof and substituting therefor the following:-

"(b) The south side of Broughton Street for a distance of forty (40) feet east of Government Street.

6. Sections 45 to 74 inclusive of said By-law number 2479 are repealed and the following are substituted therefor:-

"45. The owner of every vehicle used or plying for hire within the City of Victoria shall register said vehicle, the class thereof as defined by Section 70 of this By-law, the seating capacity thereof and the British Columbia motor-vehicle license number of said vehicle and at all times keep registered the same in his own name, in the office of the Chief of Police, and obtain from the said Chief of Police a metallic badge bearing the number under which said vehicle is registered and a certificate of said registration in the form "A" of Schedule 1, of this By-law which registration and certificate shall have effect only to the thirty-first day of December of the year of said registration, and no owner of any vehicle shall permit the same to be used, or plied for hire, nor shall any person use or ply for hire with said vehicle unless it is so registered, and unless said vehicle shall have attached to and exposed on the back thereof, securely fixed in a conspicuous place, a white enamelled plate of a size not less than six by four inches, exhibiting said

number in blue or black figures not less than three inches in height.

46. No driver or other person in charge, control or possession of an express or baggage vehicle shall solicit for the handling of express or baggage unless at the time thereof he is prepared to immediately deliver the same.

47. No driver or other person, while having or pretending to have the care or charge of any vehicle used or standing or plying for hire or hired as aforesaid, shall be intoxicated or shall make use of any obscene, impertinent, insulting or abusive language or insulting gesture, or shall be guilty of wanton or furious driving.

48. Every driver immediately after hiring shall carefully search for any property accidentally left in the hired vehicle, and take the same within four hours, if not sooner claimed by the owner, to the City Police Station, and leave same.

49. The owner of every such vehicle as aforesaid who employs any driver to drive the same for him shall keep a proper register, and cause said driver to fill up and sign therein a statement showing the time and date of taking out and return by him of each licensed vehicle which he so drives each day, and stating driver's number and vehicle plate number.

Such owner shall permit inspection of said register whenever requested by any member of the Police Force.

50. No two hired vehicles belonging to the same owner shall stand next to each other if there is another vehicle upon the stand.

51. When one hired vehicle on a stand drives away, the hired vehicle immediately behind shall take its place.

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himself, not being the hirer or person employed by such hirer, to ride on the driving seat of his hired vehicle or shall permit or suffer any person to ride or be carried on, upon or about a hired vehicle without the consent of the hirer.

53. No owner of any hired vehicle shall permit the same to be used, employed or let for hire, nor shall any person stand or ply for hire with said vehicle without having fixed thereto in a conspicuous place a card on which shall be printed in easily legible type the name of the owner of the vehicle, and the number of passengers to be carried by it, if it be a vehicle for the carriage of passengers, and the scale of charges for the use thereof. Said card shall be supplied by the Chief of Police when demanded, and no other card may be used.

54. The fares or charges enumerated and specified in the following tariffs shall be the minimum fares and charges which the owners or drivers of hired vehicles and other conveyances shall be entitled to receive or charge for the carriage of passengers; and no driver or owner thereof shall publish, use, demand or receive lower fares or charges than those contained in said tariffs respectively and authorized hereunder whether such fares or charges are determined by taximeter, by distance or by time; and every person hiring, engaging contracting or employing any such vehicle or other conveyance shall pay on demand not less than the said respective minimum fares or charges, namely:-

DIVISION -A-
TARIFF - FOR CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS
(Including hand-baggage)

1. Tariff according to distance:
 - (a) For the first eight-tenths of a mile or fraction thereof \$.25
 - (b) For each additional half mile or fraction thereof10
 - (c) For each additional passenger in excess of four, for the entire trip .10

2. Tariff according to time:

- (a) For the first hour or fraction thereof, one to four passengers \$2.00
- (b) For each additional passenger per hour .50
- (c) Waiting time for first five minutes (no charge)
- (d) Waiting time after first five minutes at the rate of - per hour 1.50

3. Tariff for Sightseeing:

Sightseeing charges, minimum per passenger 1.00

55. No owner or driver of any hired vehicle shall demand or receive from any passenger carried therein for which a charge may be made under tariffs one or two of Section 54 hereof fares or charges in excess of twice the respective minimum fares or charges fixed in said tariffs.

56. The fares or charges enumerated and specified in the following tariffs shall be the maximum fares and charges which the owners or drivers of hired vehicles and other conveyances shall be entitled to receive or charge for the carriage of baggage, and no driver or owner thereof shall publish, use demand or receive higher fares or charges than those contained in said tariffs respectively and authorized hereunder, and every person hiring, engaging, contracting or employing any such vehicle or other conveyance shall pay on demand not more than the said respective maximum fares or charges.

DIVISION -B-
TARIFF - FOR CARRIAGE OF BAGGAGE
(Motor or horse-drawn vehicle)

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Douglas Street; on the South by Dallas Road; on the West by Montreal Street from Dallas Road to Victoria Harbour, and thence Easterly and Northerly by the shoreline of Victoria Harbour to its intersection with a Westerly prolongation of Pembroke Street; and on the North by Pembroke Street.

For each trunk or piece of baggage (other than hand baggage) ... \$.50

For each piece of hand baggage25

2. Within District No. 2, comprising that portion of the said City bounded on the East by Fernwood Road, Fort Street and Moss Street; on the South by Dallas Road, on the West by the Easterly limits of District No. 1. as hereinbefore described, and by Quadra Street between Pembroke Street and Hillside Avenue; and on the North by Hillside Avenue.

For each trunk or piece of baggage (other than hand baggage) ... \$.75

For each additional trunk or piece50

For each piece of hand baggage25

3. Within District No. 3, comprising all that portion of the said City not included within the limits of District No. 1, or District No. 2, as hereinbefore respectively described.

For one trunk or piece of baggage (other than hand baggage) ... \$1.00

For each additional trunk or piece50

For each piece of hand baggage25

The Clerk of the Municipal Council shall cause to be printed a sufficient number of copies of the tariffs contained in Division A hereof to be supplied without charge to the owners and drivers of vehicles licensed to carry passengers for hire within the City; and it shall be the duty of the owner and of the driver of every vehicle licensed hereunder to keep a copy

thereof constantly posted up in every vehicle aforesaid owned or driven by him respectively, so as to enable persons driving or being carried therein to acquaint themselves with said tariffs without making actual enquiry in that regard.

57. No owner or driver of a hired vehicle shall refuse, when required by the hirer thereof, to carry therein the number of persons mentioned in the card affixed thereto, or any less number if it be a vehicle for the carriage of passengers, and no owner or driver of any hired vehicle aforesaid or any other person on his behalf, shall exact or demand from any hirer thereof more than the charge allowed by this By-law.

58. No hirer of any hired vehicle shall neglect or refuse to pay on demand to the owner or driver thereof the fare or charge allowed by this By-law.

59 (1) The owners or drivers of hired vehicles shall at all times maintain said vehicles in a neat clean and sanitary condition subject to the satisfaction of the Medical Health Officer or the Sanitary Inspector of the Corporation and shall also keep said vehicles in a good and safe state of repair subject to the satisfaction of the Chief of Police or of the Inspector of vehicles appointed by the Council under this By-law.

(2) The Driver of every hired vehicle who carries therein any passenger whom he knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, to be suffering from cholera, smallpox or any other disease of a malignant character dangerous to public health, shall forthwith notify the Medical Health Officer or Sanitary Inspector of the Corporation either of whom shall thereupon order such disinfection of the vehicle as he shall deem necessary; and the vehicle shall thenceforth not be used for the carriage of any passenger until the said Medical Health Officer or Sanitary Inspector has given a certificate in writing that the vehicle has been disinfected to his satisfaction.

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60. No attendant of any hired vehicle or any other person actually or apparently in charge thereof or concerned in the operation thereof shall, while said vehicle is on any stand for the purpose of obtaining passengers for hire, be or remain further from said vehicle than a distance of six (6) feet.
61. No owner or driver of any vehicle while carrying passengers for hire shall permit or allow to enter or to be carried in said vehicle a greater number of passengers than the number of passengers such vehicle is designed to seat.
62. No person or driver of any vehicle while carrying passengers for hire shall permit or allow any person to ride on the fenders or running boards or on any doors of said vehicle.
63. No owner or driver of any vehicle while carrying passengers for hire shall permit or allow any person to enter or leave said vehicle while the same is in motion.
64. No owner or driver of any vehicle while carrying passengers for hire and while said vehicle is actually in motion shall collect any fares from or give any change to any person.
65. No owner or driver of any vehicle while carrying passengers for hire shall stop said vehicle for the purpose of taking on or letting off passengers within any street intersection.
66. No owner or driver of any vehicle while carrying passengers for hire shall permit or allow any person other than the person driving said vehicle to occupy more than 50% of the front seat of said vehicle.
67. No owner or driver of any vehicle while carrying passengers for hire shall permit or allow any passengers to enter or leave said vehicle on the left side thereof, and said owner or driver shall keep the left rear door of such vehicle at all times securely fastened.
68. Every owner or driver of a motor vehicle while carrying passengers for hire shall provide and keep

affixed to the rear wheels of said vehicle during wet weather non-skid tires or other non-skid appliances or shall adequately and satisfactorily prevent said vehicle from skidding.

69. No owner or driver of any vehicle for carrying passengers for hire shall suffer or permit any immorality, indecency or disorderly conduct in said vehicle.

70. For the purpose of this By-law all motor vehicles shall be arranged in classes as follows:-

CLASS "A" - This class shall include any and all motor vehicles plying for hire from or to a fixed terminus within the City of Victoria to or from a fixed terminus at least one and one-quarter miles beyond the City of Victoria and not otherwise, and which motor vehicle does not take on or carry for hire or discharge passengers travelling from any point within the limits of the City of Victoria to any other point within the limits of the City of Victoria.

CLASS "B" - This class shall include motor vehicles plying for hire on the Gorge Road, Quadra Street or Haultain Street routes only, which routes shall be defined as follows:-

GORGE ROUTE - from the Corner of Douglas and View Streets along Douglas Street and Gorge Road to the City Limits.

QUADRA STREET ROUTE - from the corner of Fort and Douglas Streets by way of Yates Street and Quadra Street to the City Limits.

HAULTAIN STREET ROUTE - from the corner of Yates and Douglas Streets

by way of Yates Street, Fernwood Road and Haultain Street to Shelbourne Street, or thence along Shelbourne Street to the City Limits.

CLASS "C" - This class shall include every motor vehicle used exclusively as a Taxi Cab or Touring Car and having no specified route of travel, and the destination or route of which is under the direction of the passenger or passengers transported therein, and which is rented only from a fixed stand on a public street specified by the Council or from a garage, either in person or on a telephone call, and which does not solicit business on the street except at such stand, and which motor vehicle in any case where it carries any passengers either wholly within the City or partly within the City and partly without the City, charges and collects from each passenger a minimum fare of twenty-five cents (25¢) each time it so carries such passenger.

CLASS "D" - This class shall include every motor vehicle used exclusively in sight-seeing trips and not used in the carrier business, and which motor vehicle in any case where it carries any passengers either wholly within the City or partly within the City and partly without the City, charges and collects from each such passenger a minimum fare of One dollar (\$1.00) each time it so carries such passenger.

CLASS "E" - This class shall include every motor vehicle used exclusively for the transportation of guests between the hotel at which they are, or intend to be guests, and out-going or incoming trains, boats or steamers.

CLASS "F" - This class shall include motor vehicles

used exclusively as ambulances or vehicles used for the transportation of pall-bearers.

CLASS "G" - This class shall include every motor vehicle which is held out or announced by sign, voice, or other device or advertisement to operate or run, or which is operated or run over a particular route or street, or to or from a designated or particular point or between particular points or to within any designated territory, district or zone, and which motor vehicle accepts, carries and discharges as passengers such persons as may offer themselves for transportation along the way or course, route or street on which such motor vehicle is operated or run, or may be operated or run, or which motor vehicle is operated or run as a means of local transportation similar to that ordinarily afforded by the operation of street railways. This class shall not include motor vehicles falling within Classes "A", "B", "C", "D", "E" and "F" as herein defined.

CLASS "H" - This class shall include every motor vehicle which accepts carries and discharges as passengers such persons as may offer themselves for transportation at or near the terminus of the routes traversed by such motor vehicle, and which does not fall within or is not included within Classes "A", "B", "C", "D", "E", "F" and "G".

71. (1) No person in charge, control or possession of any motor vehicle coming within Class "G" or Class "H" as hereinbefore defined shall drive or operate said motor vehicle or permit said motor vehicle to be driven or operated on any street in the City.

(2) No person shall use or operate for hire within the City of Victoria any vehicle or motor

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72. The Council may from time to time by resolution appoint such person as Inspector of vehicles as it may deem expedient and where no such appointment has been made by the Council the Chief of Police shall be deemed to be such Inspector, to examine and inspect all hired vehicles as to type and fitness of any such vehicle and any mechanical device or equipment used thereon or therewith with authority for such purpose to impose and apply any reasonable test as to type and fitness which such Inspector may designate, and the owner or driver of any such hired vehicle shall when required forthwith submit his vehicle for inspection to said Inspector or to the Chief of Police, and no owner or driver shall at any time when his vehicle is not actually engaged for hire prevent or hinder the said Inspector or the Chief of Police from entering the same or at any time prevent or hinder either of them from entering his garage or other building or place of business for the purpose of inspecting such vehicle or the premises in which it is kept.

73. The Inspector of motor vehicles appointed by the Council pursuant to this By-law may, and he is hereby empowered to lay out and approve, subject to approval of the Council, the Schedules to be observed by the licensed drivers of motor vehicles plying for hire on any or all of the streets of the City, and the said Inspector shall have complete supervision of the carrying out of the Schedules, and all drivers of motor vehicles plying for hire on the streets of the City shall strictly observe the said Schedules when so made and approved.

74. (1) No person shall in any street or at any wharf, dock, pier, steamboat landing, railroad station or public place in the City of Victoria solicit or importune others to ride or travel in or employ any vehicle except when such person is within six (6) feet of said vehicle and while said vehicle is at an authorized stand as provided in this by-law and then only by word of mouth and in

a conversational tone of voice.

(2) It is further enacted to prevent annoyance to and interference with the members of the public and to prevent breaches of the peace that no person, except as otherwise provided in this By-law, shall at any place either on land or water within the boundaries of the City of Victoria (including the beaches and foreshore and water of Victoria Harbour) canvas or solicit for or verbally or by means of any sign in conjunction with any verbal or instrumental noise advertise in any way in respect of any hired vehicle, and any person who blows a horn or uses a megaphone or any other noise-creating instrument or shout or calls or makes noises and thereby creates confusion or noise shall be guilty of an infraction of this By-law.

7. This By-law may be cited as "Streets Traffic and Regulation By-law, 1929, Amendment By-law (No. 12) 1934."

Passed by the Municipal Council this 24th day of September, A.D. 1934.

Reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Municipal Council this 9th day of October, A.D. 1934.

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"P. R. Brown"

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Acting Mayor

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