
SUBJECT: ORDINANCE #1997-1 (SCHOOL BUS ORDINANCE)

ADOPTED DATE: JANUARY 21, 1997

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CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT
ORDINANCE #1997-1

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DISOBEDIENCE OF SCHOOL BUS TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS RELATING TO THE GENERAL RULES OF THE ROAD

WHEREAS, the County Commission has determined that there has been an increase in reports of disobedience of traffic rules relating to school buses; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has an obligation to provide for the protection of citizens of Cass County, including the minor children who will ride on school buses; and

WHEREAS, existing state laws have not adequately protected the citizens of Cass County and this ordinance will be in the interest of public health, safety, and will help obtain the foregoing objectives;

NOW, THEREFORE,

be it ordained by the Board of Cass County Commissioners that an ordinance prohibiting the disobedience of school bus traffic control signals is hereby enacted as follows:

Section 1. Enactment

Ordinance 1997-1 of the Cass County Ordinances is hereby enacted to read as follows:

- A. No driver of a motor vehicle shall pass a school bus while that school bus has activated flashing red lights, stop sign control arm, or safety strobe lights.
- B. No driver of a motor vehicle shall pass a school bus in the oncoming lane while that school bus has activated flashing red lights, stop sign control arm, or safety strobe lights.

Section 2. Penalty Clause

Every person, firm or corporation violating this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500.00; the Court to have the power to suspend said sentence and to revoke the suspension thereof.

Section 3. Effective Date

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, pursuant to the Cass County Home Rule Charter.

ss/Alon Wieland
Chair, Board of Commissioners
of the County of Cass

Attest:

ss/Michael Montplaisir
Michael Montplaisir
County Auditor

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