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SUGGESTED RULES AND REGULATIONS
APPLYING TO AIR RAID WARNINGS
AND BLACKOUTS

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Ordinance No. 55
of the Mayor and City Council of Ottoville O., approved March 1, 1943,
the following rules and regulations are hereby made and promulgated:

I. An air raid warning signal shall consist of a series of short blasts from sirens, whistles or other noise making devices continuing for approximately two minutes. The all-clear signal shall consist of one long blast continuing for approximately two minutes.

II. In the event of an air raid warning:

(a) The drivers of all automobiles, trackless trolleys and other free-wheel vehicles:

(1) Shall immediately pull over to the curb or roadside, turn off the engines or motors and leave such vehicles standing until the all-clear signal is given; provided that emergency vehicles readily identifiable as such, such as fire engines, ambulances, and governmental or public utility operated trucks, or police cars, physicians' automobiles and other vehicles carrying insignia approved and issued by the council of Defense, shall not be required to stop when engaged in emergency operations.

(2) Shall, if the air raid warning is given between sunset and sunrise, immediately turn off all lights and keep them turned off until all-clear signal is given; provided that the emergency vehicles as hereinbefore defined shall not be required to turn off their lights if they are dimmed, hooded or masked in a manner approved by the Council of Defense. In the case of an announced test or trial blackout such emergency vehicles may proceed with lights on without being dimmed, hooded or masked.

(3) Shall not park in front of any fire exit, fire plug, fire engine house, hospital entrance or at a street intersection.

(4) Shall not block the center of any street, or stop opposite to or so close to a street car as to impede the free flow of traffic engaged in emergency operations.

(b) The operators of all street cars and of such railroad trains or locomotives as are being operated upon or along the streets or highways of the City shall immediately bring them to a stop and shall not proceed until the all-clear signal is given. If an air-raid warning is given between sunset and sunrise such operators shall also immediately put out all lights and keep them out until the all-clear signal is given. No stop shall be made so as to block any street intersection or the entrance to any fire engine house.

III. Whenever an air raid warning is given between sunset and sunrise:

(a) All lights outside or visible from the outside of any building, either through doors, windows, skylights or otherwise, shall be immediately put out and kept out till the all-clear signal is given. Lights inside any building may be kept on or turned on only where through the use of shades, blinds, curtains, blankets, screens, paint, paper, cardboard or otherwise none is visible from the outside. This rule shall apply to all buildings of every kind and description including, but not limited to, dwellings, residences, apartments, apartment houses, hotels, boarding houses, lodging houses, stores, office buildings, warehouses, manufacturing establishments, industrial plants, railroad stations, schools, churches, hospitals and other institutions. The occupant of any portion of a building shall be responsible for the observance of this rule as to such portion thereof as he may occupy. If one occupies an entire building he shall be responsible for the observance of this rule as to the whole of such building. In the case of hotels, office buildings, apartment houses, lodging houses, boarding houses and other buildings to which the public is permitted or invited or as to any portion of which there is a common use by the occupants thereof, the owner, lessee, or the person or persons in charge of the operation thereof, as the case may be, shall be responsible for the observance of this rule as to all portions of the building to which the public is permitted or invited or as to which there is a common use by the occupants thereof. In the case of vacant buildings or vacant portions of buildings, the owner, the lessee or the person or persons in charge thereof shall be responsible for the observance of this rule with respect to such vacant buildings or vacant portions thereof, as the case may be, as he shall own, lease or have in his charge.

(b) No door, window or other exit shall be opened if the opening of the same will allow light to be visible from the outside.

(c) All lights on any sign, billboard, pier or other similar structure shall be immediately put out and kept out until the all-clear signal is given. The owner, the lessee or the person or persons in charge of the operation of such sign, billboard, pier or other similar structure, as the case may be, shall be responsible for the observance of this rule.

(d) All street, traffic and beacon lights and other public lights on and in the streets, lanes, alleys, squares, parks and bridges of the City of Ottaville, O. (except those which are dimmed or hooded in a manner approved by the Council of Defense) shall be immediately put out and kept out until the all-clear signal is given; such extinguishment to be made in accordance with plans adopted by the Council of Defense.

(e) All other lights, including warning or danger signals, shall be immediately put out and kept out until the all-clear signal is given; provided, however, that warning or danger signals may remain lighted in such manner as may be approved by the Council of Defense. The owner, the lessee or the person or persons in charge of the operation of such lights, as the case may be, shall be responsible for the observance of this rule. In the case of an announced test or trial blackout, warning and danger signals may remain lighted without being dimmed, hooded or otherwise masked.

IV. In order to carry out effectively the provisions of the foregoing rules:

(a) No occupant of any building or of any portion thereof shall permit such building or such portion thereof as he may occupy to be lighted or illuminated (either on the outside, or on the inside in such way that such lighting or illumination is visible from the outside) between sunset and sunrise unless such owner, lessee, or person in charge has made adequate arrangements for immediately putting out the lighting or making it invisible from the outside in the event an air raid warning or signal for a blackout is given. This rule shall apply to every occupant of any building whatsoever, including but not limited to boarding houses, lodging houses, stores, office buildings, warehouses, manufacturing establishments, industrial plants, railroad stations, schools, churches, hospitals and other institutions. In the case of hotels, office buildings, apartment houses, lodging houses, boarding houses and other buildings to which the public is permitted or invited or as to any portion of which there is a common use by the occupants thereof, the owner, lessor, or other person or persons in charge of the operation thereof, as the case may be, shall be responsible for the observance of this rule as to all portions of the building to which the public is permitted or invited or as to which there is a common use by the occupants thereof. In the case of vacant buildings or vacant portions of buildings, the owner, the lessee or the person or persons in charge thereof shall be responsible for the observance of this rule with respect to such vacant buildings, or vacant portions thereof, as the case may be, as he shall own, lease or have in his charge.

(b) No owner, lessee or person or persons in charge of the operation, as the case may be, of any sign, bill board, pier or similar structure, street, traffic, or beacon light, or other public light on and in the streets, lanes, alleys, squares, parks or bridges of the City of Ottoville, O. or of any other light, including a warning or danger signal, shall permit the same to be illuminated or lighted between sunset and sunrise unless such owner, lessee or person in charge has made adequate arrangements for immediately putting out the same in the event of an air raid or blackout signal or alarm; provided; however, that street lights, traffic signals, beacon lights, warning or danger signals may remain lighted during a blackout if they are dimmed, hooded, or masked in a manner approved by the Council of Defense. Until a plan for the extinguishment, dimming or hooding of such street lights, traffic lights, beacon lights and warning or danger signals has been adopted by the Council of Defense, they may remain lighted between sunset and sunrise.

V. No person shall wear, exhibit, display or use, for any purpose, any arm band, badge, emblem, uniform, insignia or other identification or credential issued, approved or authorized by the Council of Defense, unless he shall be entitled to wear, exhibit, display or use the same under the rules and regulations of said Council, nor shall any person falsely personate any member of said Council or any assistant, aide or helper appointed by said Council.

No person shall utter, publish, sound or otherwise stimulate any warning of an enemy attack, any warning of a test or trial blackout, any signal of the end of an attack or blackout or any other official signal unless authorized to do so by the Council of Defense.

VI. The foregoing rules shall apply to air raids and to blackouts, including test or trial blackouts, and shall become effective on and after March 1, 1943. Any violation of the foregoing rules is punishable by fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, as provided by Ordinance No. 55 of the Mayor and City Council of Ottoville, O. approved March 1, 1943.

Dated: March 1, 1943

L. H. Heckman

Mayor of Ottoville, Ohio.

Note: In these Rules and Regulations, the word Village is to be substituted for the word City in all paragraphs.