

ORDINANCE NO. 938, FOURTH SERIES

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING BLACKOUT AND PRESCRIBING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND MAKING THIS ORDINANCE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1. No person to whom notice has first been given to extinguish lights, shall wilfully refuse to extinguish or effectively screen all electric, neon, gasoline, coal oil, candle, fire or other lights, which said light or lights are in the open or reflect from or are visible on the outside of any dwelling, house, room, apartment, tenement, hotel, motel, office, warehouse, store, service station, mill, factory, barn, garage, or other building.

SECTION 2. No person to whom notice has first been given to extinguish lights shall wilfully refuse to extinguish all electric, neon, gasoline, coal oil, or other light or lights on any building, bill board, sign board, or any other illuminated device.

SECTION 3. No person to whom notice has first been given to extinguish lights shall wilfully refuse to extinguish all electric or other lights in any railroad car, street car, bus, truck, automobile, motorcycle, bicycle, or other vehicle, provided the use of parking lights, red tail lights, green, blue, or yellow clearance lights or other dimmed or effectively screened lights that cause no upward reflection shall not constitute a violation of this section.

SECTION 4. The Director of the Defense Council for the City of Sacramento shall have the power and authority to specify the sounds and arrangement of sounds which shall constitute the standard signal for an air raid or threatened air raid. He shall give notice of same to the public by telephone, telegraph, radio, card, pamphlet, or the Press.

SECTION 5. No person shall give a signal, or alarm, or sounds which are the same as or similar to the said standard signal.

SECTION 6. The notice contemplated by this ordinance shall be any notice given of an air raid or threatened air raid given under the direction of the Civilian Defense Authority, Air Raid Wardens, Police Department, or any public official. Said notice may be either by the use of sirens, whistles, bells, radios, newspaper, or personal contact, in the absence of and until a standard signal is fixed as in this ordinance provided.

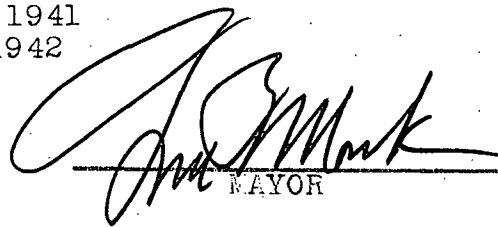
SECTION 7. Any person found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished in the manner provided in the Penal Code of the State of California for punishment of misdemeanors.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Black Out Ordinance".

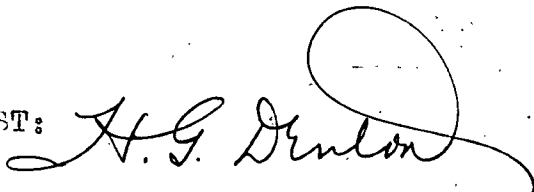
SECTION 9. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect immediately; such emergency being the necessity for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and shall be in force from the date of its passage and publication, as required by law. The following is a specific statement showing the emergency of this ordinance:

Whereas, a state of war exists between the Empires of Japan, Germany, and Italy and the United States of America, and there at all times being imminent peril of attack from the sky, it is necessary that a blackout be effected by all lights and lighting devices.

PASSED: December 12, 1941
EFFECTIVE: January 11, 1942


MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK