

Ordinance No. 63772

Relating to the use of the public streets by the blind and limiting the use of white canes to such persons; requiring drivers of motor vehicles to stop while blind persons, using such canes as a means of identification, cross the public streets; and providing penalties for violation hereof.

REPEALED BY ORDINANCE NO. 64692

Council Bill No. 54506

INTRODUCED: JUN 5 1933	BY: PUBLIC SAFETY
REFERRED: JUN 5 1933	TO: PUBLIC SAFETY
REFERRED:	
REPORTED: JUN 12 1933	VETO:
SECOND READING: JUN 12 1933	PUBLISHED:
THIRD READING: JUN 12 1933	VETO SUSTAINED:
SIGNED: JUN 12 1933	PASSED OVER VETO:
PRESENTED TO MAYOR: JUN 12 1933	APPROVED: JUN 18 1933
FILED: JUN 13 1933	PUBLISHED: JUN 22 1933
ENGROSSED: VOL. 42 PAGE 226	BY: Om ✓
COMPARED BY:	

AND

Pass

JES:ML 6-1-33

REPEALED BY ORDINANCE NO. 64692

ORDINANCE NO. 63772

LETTER ATTACHED

AN ORDINANCE relating to the use of the public streets by the blind and limiting the use of white canes to such persons; requiring drivers of motor vehicles to stop while blind persons, using such canes as a means of identification, cross the public streets; and providing penalties for violation hereof.

Be it ordained by The City of Seattle as follows:

Section 1. That, in the interests of public safety, it shall be unlawful for any person except those wholly or partially blind to carry or use on the public streets of the City any canes or walking sticks which are wholly white in color, or white with red end or bottom.

Section 2. Drivers of motor vehicles shall be required to stop such vehicles and not to proceed while wholly or partially blind persons are crossing the public street intersections, if and when such persons signify their intention to cross the streets by lifting and waving the white canes or walking sticks described in Section 1 hereof in such a manner as to be plainly visible to the drivers of such motor vehicles: Provided, however, that this section shall not apply to drivers of motor vehicles approaching street intersections controlled by traffic lights.

Section 3. Any person violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine in any sum not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) or by imprisonment in the city jail for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(To be used for all Ordinances except Emergency.)

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage and approval, if approved by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the time it shall become a law under the provisions of the city charter.

Passed the City Council the 12 day of JUNE, 1933,
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 12 day of
JUNE, 1933 [Signature]
President..... of the City Council.

Approved by me this 13 day of JUNE, 1933
[Signature] Mayor.

Filed by me this 13 day of JUNE, 1933
Attest: [Signature] City Comptroller and Ex-Officio City Clerk.

By [Signature] Deputy Clerk.
City Comptroller and Ex-Officio City Clerk.
By [Signature] Deputy Clerk.

(SEAL)

Published NR 22 1933

ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL

J. AMBLER NEWTON
CHARLES L. SMITH
CAMPBELL C. McCULLOUGH
EMLYN I. JONES
WALTER L. BAUMGARTNER
GLEN E. WILSON
JOHN E. SANDERS
EDWARD A. SWIFT, JR.
GEO. T. MCGILLIVRAY

CITY ATTORNEY
BRUCE MACDOUGALL

THE CITY OF SEATTLE
LAW DEPARTMENT

A. C. VAN SOELEN, CORPORATION COUNSEL

CHIEF CLERK
R. B. McCLINTON
SECRETARY
RUTH GRIFFIN
LAW CLERKS
VEIDA S. MORROW
JOHN A. LOGAN
C. V. HOARD
CLAIM AGENT
J. H. DENNIS

June 1, 1933

City Council,
Seattle.

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request we have prepared and herewith transmit proposed ordinance providing for the use of white canes exclusively by wholly or partially blind persons using the public streets, and requiring drivers of motor vehicles to stop while such persons cross the streets.

The proposed ordinance follows in substance the provisions of the Milwaukee and Portland ordinances attached to Comptroller's File No. 139007, which accompanied your request, except that we have added a proviso to Section 2 that the same shall not apply at street intersections controlled by traffic lights.

As it is impossible to prepare an ordinance incorporating all the provisions of the Milwaukee and Portland ordinances above referred to, we suggest that you scrutinize the proposed ordinance carefully to ascertain if it complies with your desires in the matter.

Comptroller's File No. 139007 is herewith returned.

Yours very truly,

A. C. VAN SOELEN
Corporation Counsel

By *John E. Sanders.*
JOHN E. SANDERS,
Assistant

JES:ML
Enc.