

# Ordinance No. 79615

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## Council Bill No. 61777

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ORDINANCE NO. 70615

AN ORDINANCE relating to the National Defense; authorizing the Mayor to proclaim rules and regulations pertaining to air raid and blackout plans, trial blackouts and emergency plans involving the public peace, health and safety; defining offenses, and prescribing penalties.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to proclaim and publish, at least ten days in advance of any of the National Defense activities hereinafter mentioned, rules and regulations, which shall have the force and effect of law, for the conduct and cooperation of citizen. in connection therewith. Such activities may include air raid and blackout plans, trial blackouts -- one of which is scheduled to take place on the night of March 7, 1941, at the hour of 10:30 P. M., to continue for not to exceed thirty minutes -- emergency Fire, Police and Health Department activities, including trial emergency periods involving plans for the protection of public peace, health and safety in times of National emergency; and in connection with the powers vested in him by Sections 2 and 3 of Article V of the City Charter, the Mayor may call on male inhabitants of the City, over the age of eighteen years, to aid in enforcing such rules and regulations, and further in such connection the Mayor may call for assistance upon organizations such as the local chapter of the American Red Cross, the King County National Defense Council, local Posts of the American Legion and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and other national and local organizations, for special duties in connection with the carrying out of plans for the National Defense as may be set forth in such rules and regulations.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful to willfully refuse or neglect to obey any such rules and regulations so proclaimed by the Mayor, or to willfully refuse or neglect to obey any order of the Mayor in connection therewith, or any call made upon any citizen for aid in enforcing the same.

Section 3. This ordinance shall constitute an exercise by the City of its governmental functions for the protection of the public peace, health and safety, and neither the City nor any individual responding to the regulations lawfully proclaimed and published by the Mayor, or called upon to assist in enforcing the same, shall be liable in a suit for damages in connection therewith.

Section 4. Violation of or failure to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance or of the rules and regulations proclaimed by the Mayor in connection therewith shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) or by imprisonment in the city jail not exceeding ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(To be used for all Ordinances except Emergency.)

Section 5. 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 4 day of February, 1941,  
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 4 day of  
February, 1941. Wm. F. Powell

President of the City Council.

Approved by me this 4 day of February, 1941

John Estess  
Mayor.

Filed by me this 4 day of February, 1941

W. S. ...  
City Comptroller and Ex-Officio City Clerk.

By W. S. ...  
Deputy Clerk.

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MAYOR'S OFFICE  
SEATTLE

JOHN E. CARROLL  
~~ARTHUR B. CLARK~~  
MAYOR

February 3, 1941.

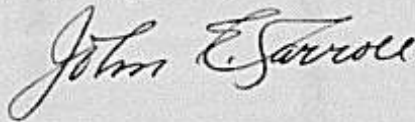
To the Members of the  
City Council,  
Seattle, Wash.

Honorable Members:-

I am transmitting herewith  
a council bill which I have requested the Cor-  
poration Counsel to prepare pertaining to the  
formation of and plans for Home Defense, in  
keeping with the National Defense plans of  
the country.

I trust that your Honorable  
Body will give this matter your serious consid-  
eration and approval by insuring its passage at  
your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,



JOHN E. CARROLL  
MAYOR

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