

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

ARTICLE I - Offenses by Railroads

17.1.1 Obstruction of View by Railroad; Standing Locomotives or Cars

Nearing Crossing – It shall be the duty of every person operating a railroad in the Town to keep its tracks and right of way clear of objects obstructing the clear view of the tracks by travelers at grade crossings, and it shall be unlawful for any such person to permit its locomotives, trains or cars to remain standing on its tracks within one hundred feet of any such crossing for a longer period than 5 minutes.

It shall be unlawful for any officer or employee whose duty it shall be to carry out any provision of this Section to fail to do so, or for any person to violate this Section.

17.1.2 Obstruction by Railroad Engines or Cars; Backing; Freight Trains – It

shall be unlawful for any person operating a railroad within the Town limits, to obstruct any street crossing by allowing engines or cars to stand thereon for a longer period than 5 minutes, and it shall be the duty of all trainmen to cut the train into sections at each crossing, with part of the trail on one side of a cross street and part on the other side of the cross street, when it shall be necessary for them to remain at the crossing for a longer period than 5 minutes, and to cut such train at each crossing obstructed thereby for such length of time. In the event any train shall be unexpectedly delayed on a crossing for a longer period than 5 minutes and any person has been waiting at the crossing for longer than 5 minutes to cross the same, the trainmen shall forthwith cut the train so as to allow such person to pass if he demands such action. When shifting

cars or pulling or backing, any train in any yard which necessitates crossing public streets, the bell of the engine shall be kept constantly ringing whenever approaching any such street crossing, and if any locomotive, car or caboose be backing within said limits, a man shall be stationed on the end farthest from the engine, that is, on the end nearest the street crossing it is approaching, to give signals and warn any person using the crossing of his danger. After twilight, the man stationed on the approaching end of a backing train, car or locomotive shall carry a lighted lantern. No freight train shall be moved across any street in the Town unless it is equipped with an adequate number of experienced brakemen, who shall be stationed so as to see the danger signals and hear the signals from the engine. It shall be unlawful for any person in charge of any engine or train to “kick” or otherwise propel any car across any public thoroughfare unless there be a man stationed on the end of the car first approaching the crossing, and he shall have the car fully under control so that he can promptly stop same in the event of danger.

17.1.3 Speed of Trains – It shall be unlawful within the limits of the Town for any person or the agent or employee of any such person to run any locomotive, engine, car or train of cars at a rate of speed exceeding fifteen miles an hour, across any public street which has not been provided with automatic gates and at which said gates are not operated.