

ORDINANCE NO 647 FOURTH SERIES

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF WHITE CANES, EXCEPT BY PEDESTRIANS WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY BLIND, AND PROVIDING PROTECTION AGAINST HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS TO SUCH PERSONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

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

SECTION 1. That for the purpose of guarding against accidents in traffic on the public streets, it shall be unlawful for any person, except persons wholly or partially blind, to carry or use on the public streets of the City of Sacramento any canes or walking sticks which are white in color, or white with red end on bottom. Such canes or walking sticks may be used on the streets and other public places of the City by persons wholly or partially blind, as a means of protecting them, and for the purpose of identifying them by drivers of vehicles, operators of motor driven vehicles and other pedestrians with whom they come in contact on such streets and public places.

SECTION 2. Any driver of vehicle, operator of a motor driven vehicle, or pedestrian who is not wholly or partially blind, who approaches or comes in contact with a person wholly or partially blind, carrying a cane or walking stick white in color, or white with red end, shall immediately come to a full stop and take such precautions before proceeding as may be necessary to avoid accident or injury to the persons so carrying a white cane or walking stick.

SECTION 3. Any person, other than a person wholly or partially blind, who shall carry such a cane or walking stick, such as is described in Section 1 hereof, contrary to the provisions of this ordinance, or who shall fail to heed the approach of a person so carrying such a white cane or walking stick, or one white with red end, or who shall fail to come to a stop upon approaching or coming in contact with a person so carrying such a cane or walking stick, or who shall fail to take precautions against accident or injury to such a person after coming to a stop, as provided for herein shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the City Jail for a period of not more than six (6) months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

PASSED: January 17, 1935

EFFECTIVE: February 16, 1935

Arthur Ferguson
MAYOR

ATTEST:

L. G. Denton

CITY CLERK