

VILLAGE OF ALMONT
SCHOOL BUS ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 149

An ordinance to provide local control over school buses and to regulate vehicles overtaking, meeting or passing school buses.

THE VILLAGE OF ALMONT ORDAINS:

Section 1. The driver of a vehicle that overtakes or meets a school bus which has stopped and which is displaying 2 alternately flashing red lights located at the same level shall bring the vehicle to a full stop not less than 10 feet from the school bus and shall not proceed until the school bus resumes motion or the visual signals are no longer actuated. The driver of the school bus, before resuming motion, shall deactivate flashing lights, shall permit stopped traffic to proceed, and shall, when resuming motion, proceed in a manner that will allow congested traffic to disperse by keeping the bus as near to the right side of the road as can be done with safety.

Section 2. Passengers who cross a road upon being discharged from a school bus shall cross in front of the stopped school bus.

Section 3. At an intersection where traffic is controlled by an officer or a traffic stop-and-go signal, a vehicle need not be brought to a full stop before passing a stopped school bus, but may proceed past the school bus at a speed not greater than is reasonable and proper, but not more than 10 miles an hour, and shall proceed with due caution for the safety of passengers being received or discharged from the school bus.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be enforceable if signs giving notice of this local traffic regulation are posted on or at the entrance to the Village, which are sufficiently legible as to be seen by an ordinarily observant person.

Section 5. The driver of a vehicle who fails to stop for a school bus or who passes a school bus in violation of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 6. In a proceeding for a violation of sections (1) or (3) of this ordinance, proof that the particular vehicle described in the citation, complaint, or warrant was in violation of this ordinance, together with proof that the defendant named in the citation, complaint, or warrant was, at the time of the violation, the registered owner of the vehicle, shall constitute in evidence a presumption that the registered owner of the vehicle was the driver of the vehicle at the time of the violation.

Section 7. All words and phrases used within this ordinance shall conform with their definitions as used in the uniform traffic code for Michigan cities, townships and villages as amended.

The President and Clerk of the Village of Almont, hereby certify that this Ordinance Amendment was adopted by the Village Council at a meeting duly held on the 5th day of May, 1987, and that this Ordinance was duly published in the Lapeer County Press on the 20th day of May, 1987.



Edward F. Murphy, President



Lisa Potrafka, Clerk