

ORDINANCE NO. 170

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST ENACTING
RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PRO-
PERTY AND REPEALING ORDINANCES NO. 121 AND 158

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA, DOES
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council hereby finds that large numbers of motor vehicles, including motorcycles, motor-bikes, mini-bikes, and similar recreation-type vehicles, are being operated over unimproved vacant lots in the City of Ridgecrest, often in close proximity to residential dwellings, creating noise, dust, pollution, soil erosion and physical hazards to persons and property in the immediate vicinity, all of which results in serious hazards to the health, safety and welfare of the general public, and it is therefore necessary to immediately enact the following ordinance.

2. It is unlawful for any person to operate a vehicle of any kind, whether registered or unregistered, which is self-propelled by its own motor or engine, including 2, 3 or 4-wheeled vehicles, and including motorcycles, motor-bikes, mini-bikes, dune buggies, rovers, jeeps, and all similar recreation and other type vehicles, on any private lands by engaging in stunt riding, racing, joy riding, or in any other type of riding or operation in back-and-forth, up-and-down, circular, figure-eight or any other similar pattern of any kind or nature which is repeated by itself or in combination with other patterns, within six hundred sixty feet (660 feet), or one standard city block, of any residential dwelling or structure or any public place.

3. No person shall operate on private property any vehicle described in Section 2 hereof without an adequate muffler to prevent excessive or unusual noise.

4. This ordinance shall not apply to vehicles operated upon property specifically designed, used and constructed for raceways, exhibitions or other recreation or amusement purposes, provided such property has been duly licensed, properly constructed and is operated pursuant to all lawful regulations.

5. Any person violating this ordinance, or any person who causes or knowingly permits his child, ward or employee under 18 years of age, to operate any vehicle in violation of this ordinance, is guilty of an infraction, and shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$250.00.

6. If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason construed or held to be invalid or unconstitutional by decision of any court of competent

jurisdiction, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares it would have passed this ordinance, and each part thereof, irrespective of the holding or declaration of any part hereof as invalid.

7. Ordinances No. 121 and 158 are hereby repealed.

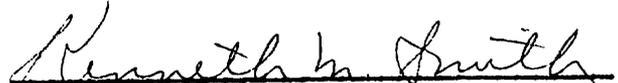
8. This ordinance is an urgency measure to be effective immediately upon its adoption. The facts constituting the necessity are set forth in Section 1 hereof.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of September, 1972, by the following vote:

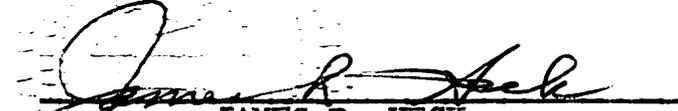
AYES: Mayor Smith, Councilmen Fox, Shacklett, and Wilson.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilman Mettenburg


KENNETH M. SMITH
Mayor

Attest:


JAMES R. HECK
City Clerk

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