

# THE CITY COUNCIL OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 20-63

INTRODUCED BY: Langshaw, Weimer  
Co-Sponsor: Marnecheck

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, PART 4 TRAFFIC CODE, TITLE SIX, CHAPTER 432 OPERATION GENERALLY, SECTION 432.30 STOPPING FOR SCHOOL BUS; ACTUATING VISUAL SIGNALS; DISCHARGING CHILDREN, PARAGRAPH (f)(1), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: In an effort to enhance the protection for and the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of North Royalton, in particular school children, it has been determined to be necessary to increase the penalty associated with “failing to stop for a school bus” in the city; and

WHEREAS: It is of singular importance to ensure all school children are able to travel to and from school safely; and

WHEREAS: It is therefore necessary to amend Part 4 Traffic Code, Title Six, Chapter 432 Operation Generally, Section 432.30 Stopping for School Bus; Actuating Visual Signals; Discharging Children, Paragraph (f)(1) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton concerning fines for “failing to stop for school bus” when receiving or discharging school children; and

WHEREAS: Council desires to provide for this amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. Part 4 Traffic Code, Title Six, Chapter 432 Operation Generally, Section 432.30 Stopping for School Bus; Actuating Visual Signals; Discharging Children, Paragraph (f)(1) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton be and is hereby amended as follows:

## **432.30 STOPPING FOR SCHOOL BUS; ACTUATING VISUAL SIGNALS; DISCHARGING CHILDREN**

(f) (1) Whoever violates division (a) of this section may be fined an amount not to exceed ~~five hundred dollars (\$500.00)~~ **One thousand dollars (\$1000.00)**. A person who is issued a citation for a violation of division (a) of this section is not permitted to enter a written plea of guilty and waive the person's right to contest the citation in a trial but instead must appear in person in the proper court to answer the charge.

Section 2. Section 432.30 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton is hereby amended as provided for herein and all other provisions of Chapter 432 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall supersede all previously adopted Ordinances in direct conflict herewith.

Section 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 5. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the city, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to amend Part 4 Traffic Code, Title Six, Chapter 432 Operation Generally, Section 432.30 Stopping for School Bus; Actuating Visual Signals; Discharging Children, Paragraph (f)(1) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton to increase the fine for failure to stop for school buses receiving or discharging school children.

THEREFORE, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to the Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

/s/ Paul F. Marnecheck  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: /s/ Larry Antoskiewicz  
MAYOR

DATE PASSED: April 7, 2020

DATE APPROVED: April 8, 2020

ATTEST: /s/ Dana A. Schroeder  
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

First reading March 18, 2020  
Second reading suspended  
Third reading April 7, 2020

YEAS: Marnecheck, Fenos, Barath, Langshaw  
Dietrich, Weimer, Vos

NAYS: none