

## GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 909

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF THE  
DALLES TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION; PRESCRIBING  
ITS POWERS AND DUTIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF THE DALLES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of The Dalles traffic Safety Commission is hereby created, and is referred to in this ordinance as “Commission”.

Section 2. The Commission shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council. Members of the Commission shall not be entitled to compensation for performance of their duties. The City shall provide appropriate staff personnel to assist the Commission in the performance of its duties. In making appointments to the Commission, the Mayor and City Council may give preference to qualified applicants who have experience or expertise related to traffic safety issues. [As amended by Ordinance No. 1187, passed by Council and approved by the Mayor July 11, 1994.]

Section 3. The initial members of the Commission shall be appointed so that one member serves for one year, tow for two years, two for three years and two for four years. Thereafter, Commissioners appointed to fill vacancies created by the expiration of the term of a member shall hold office for a term of four years commencing on May 1 of each year. Any vacancy filled by appointment shall be for an unexpired portion of the term of the Commissioner in office when the vacancy occurred. No person shall hold appointment as a member for more than two (2) full consecutive terms, but any person may be appointed again to the Commission after an interval of one (1) year. [As amended by General Ordinance No. 95-1198, passed by council and approved by the Mayor September 11, 1995.]

Section 4. At its first meeting, the Commission shall elect a chairman and vice chairman and a secretary. The secretary need not be an appointed member of the Commission. Officers shall hold office for one year unless removed prior to that time by vote of the Commission.

Section 5. The Commission shall meet at least once a month at such times and places as may be designated by the Commission. The Commission chairman shall have the right to cancel a scheduled meeting due to lack of business. Special meetings may be called by the chairman. Public notices of any regular or special meeting shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of the State public meetings law. Four members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. The decision of all matters and the transaction of all business required under the provisions of this ordinance shall be by majority vote. [As amended by Ordinance No. 1187, passed by the Council and approved by the Mayor July 11, 1994.]

Section 6. If any member of the Commission shall be absent for three consecutive meetings, without excuse for good cause, as determined by the commission, the Commission shall have the power to recommend removal of the absent member from the Commission by the Mayor and City Council. [As amended by Ordinance No. 1187, passed by Council and approved by the Mayor July 11, 1994.]

Section 7. Without limiting the generality of the following, the Commission shall have the following duties and functions:

- (1) To coordinate traffic planning.
- (2) To conduct traffic surveys, studies and investigations.
- (3) To prepare and publish traffic reports as requested.
- (4) To prepare and recommend proposals for improving traffic conditions, ordinances, and procedures.
- (5) To hold hearings relating to traffic problems and surveys, and to generally educate the public with respect to traffic control problems, solutions and proposals.
- (6) To make recommendations to the Planning Commission or City Council on matters referred to the Traffic and Safety Commission for their review and input. [As added by Ordinance No. 1187, passed by Council and approved by the Mayor July 11, 1994.]

Section 8. Any recommendations made by the Commission to the Council or Planning Commission shall be in writing. [As amended by Ordinance No. 1187, passed by the Council and approved by the Mayor July 11, 1994.]

Section 9. The Commission shall not have authority to expend money on behalf of the city, nor to obligate the city for the expenditure or payment of any sums of money. All expenditures of city funds relating to the performance of the duties and functions of the Traffic Safety Commission shall be made by order of the City Council.

Section 10. Inasmuch as it is necessary in the public interest, safety and welfare that a Traffic Safety Commission be activated and members appointed thereto as soon as possible, in order to deal with pressing traffic control problems in the City of The Dalles, an emergency is hereby declared to exist; and this ordinance shall go into full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Passed by the Council March 19, 1973, and approved by the Mayor March 20, 1973.