

CHAPTER 27

RAILROADS¹

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Sec. 27-1. Speed of trains.

No railroad corporation, and no locomotive engineer, fireman or other servant or employee thereof, or other person, shall cause any locomotive engine, railroad passenger car, freight car or motor car to be driven, propelled or run upon or along any railroad track within the city at a greater rate of speed than fifteen (15) miles an hour.

(Code 1977, § 31-1)

Sec. 27-2. Planking or paving of crossings.

At all crossings of railroad tracks with the streets and alleys of the city, the railroad company using or controlling such track at such crossing shall, for the full width of such street crossing such tracks, place and keep such crossing planked and repaired as required by section 389.610 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri; provided, that where the street is paved up to such track, the company using or controlling such track shall pave with the same materials the space between its tracks at least eighteen (18) inches on each side of its tracks, and if its right-of-way should extend further than eighteen (18) inches, for the full breadth of such right-of-way. If such crossings are not constructed as herein provided, the city may proceed as provided in section 389.610 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

(Code 1977, § 31-3)

Sec. 27-3. Railroad crossing signs.

Every person operating any railroad or running engines or cars through this city shall cause sign boards to be placed, well supported by posts or otherwise and constantly maintained across each traveled street where it is crossed by such railroad. Such sign boards shall be elevated so as not to obstruct travel and to be easily seen by travelers. Such sign boards shall be clearly marked with the words "Railroad Crossing" and shall contain such other wording and be of such size as established by law.

(Code 1977, § 31-4)

Sec. 27-4. Lights.

No conductor, engineer, fireman, brakeman or other person in charge of any locomotive, tender, car or train of cars shall, after dark or in the nighttime, run or move, or cause or permit to be run or moved, for any purpose whatever within this city any such locomotive, tender, car or train of cars without having a brilliant and conspicuous light placed in the front of such vehicles, facing the direction in which such vehicles may be moving, whether running or moving forward or backward.

(Code 1977, § 31-5)

State law reference - Lights required, RSMo. § 389.900.

Sec. 27-5. Bell to be rung at crossing.

The bell, horn, or whistle of each locomotive engine shall be rung at a distance of at least eighty (80) rods from the place where the railroad shall cross any street or thoroughfare of this city, and shall be rung continuously while such engine is passing through the city.

(Code 1977, § 31-6)

State law reference - Similar provisions, RSMo. § 389.990.

Sec. 27-6. Unauthorized mounting, climbing upon, etc., railroad cars or engines.

Any person who shall mount or climb upon, enter or hang onto any passenger, freight, baggage or other car, or handcar or locomotive engine, while the same is in motion or standing upon any railroad track, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; provided, that nothing in this section shall be so construed as to prevent any person from entering any railroad car or upon any railroad engine who has lawful authority so to do, or who does so for legitimate travel or business.

(Code 1977, § 31-7)

NOTES

¹. **Cross references** - Definitions and rules of construction generally, § 1-2; railroad trains blocking streets, § 19-312.

State law reference - Municipal authority to regulate railroads, RSMo. § 77.540.