



AN ORDINANCE **OF-40**

Authorizing James A. Baker, Receiver of the International & Great Northern Railway Company to lay a spur track along, over and across Comal Street, within the corporate limits of the City of San Antonio.

## FIRST

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio that James A. Baker, Receiver of the International & Great Northern Railway Company, be and is granted a franchise to extend a spur track of said Railway Company across and over Comal Street, and between the following points:

Beginning at a point from the Guenther Mill Spur, where the South line of Lakeview Avenue crosses same;

Thence, continuing southerly in Comal Street, 45 feet from and parallel to the East line of Comal Street 46.9 feet to a point, said point being the point of curvature of a twelve degree curve right;

Thence continuing with said twelve degree curve right for a distance of 140 feet to a point, said point being end of curve;

Thence, continuing southwesterly to a line tangent to said twelve degree curve, 13 feet and four tenths of a foot (13.4) said point being the intersection point between this line and the located center line of the S.A & A.P.Ry. Company's branch line to Kerrville.

Thence, continuing said tangeant, 13.4 feet to a point, said point being indicated by a stake and is the terminus of the located line. All the above indicated in red on blue print attached.

## SECOND

Said track shall be laid under the direction of the Commissioner of the Department of Streets and Public Improvements and the City Engineer, and the construction of same shall conform to the regulations imposed and hereafter to be imposed by said City, and conform to the grades and restrictions imposed by the City, and the operation, and maintenance of said track shall be subject to all regulations and ordinances now in force, or that may hereafter be enacted, regulating such character of construction.

## THIRD

In consideration of the granting of this permit the said James A. Baker, Receiver of the International & Great Northern Railway Company binds and obligates himself as such Receiver, and the International & Great Northern Railway Company,

The consent of the City ~~of San Antonio~~ to the use of its streets, as provided in the foregoing ordinance, However, is granted upon the following eexpress conditions:

(1) Whereas the proposed trackage will involve crossing the main tracks of San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway Company, therefore a complete interlocking system, or other safety crossing devices prescribed by the Rail Road Commission of Texas, shall be constructed and at all times thereafter maintained and observed for such crossing, so that no trains, engines or cars shall stop on, or hinder the traffic of, West Commerce Street, Travis Street, or other streets of the City, unless caused by the actual operation of trains, engine or cars of the other railroad so to do; and (2) All parts of the railroad construction work authorized shall be completed within ninety days (90) from and after the date when this ordinance shall take effect; and in case of any failure or refusal to conform to these conditions, or either of them, the franchise and rights hereby granted shall cease and determine and the City shall thereupon be authorized to repeal this ordinance, and to remove from its streets all tracks, if any, constructed under and by virtue of this ordinance.

The exercise of any privilege under this ordinance shall be an acceptance of all its terms and conditions by the said James A. Baker, Receiver of the International & Great Northern Railway Company and the International & Great Northern Railway Company.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 1917.

ATTEST:

Fred Fries, City Clerk.

Clinton G. Brown, Mayor.

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AN ORDINANCE OF-41

WHEREAS heretofore, to-wit, on March 8, 1915, a certain ordinance of the City of San Antonio was passed and approved, entitled "An Ordinance, for the purpose of regulating local street transportation of persons by street cars, jitneys, motor buses and other vehicles"; and

WHEREAS under said previous ordinance licenses have been issued by the City to various jitneys or motor buses, as the term "motor bus" is defined in said ordinance, authorizing them to engage in "local street transportation" as defined in said ordinance; and some of said motor buses are licensed to operate within the business district hereinafter defined; and

WHEREAS a necessity exists for the better disposition of traffic, and in order that the safety of the public may be adequately protected, and to relieve the congested condition of street traffic now existing within the business district hereinafter specified, it is now deemed necessary by the Commissioners to make and enact further regulations, and to make certain alterations in the licenses and routes of such motor buses, all as hereinafter provided, and to prohibit the issuance of further licenses for the operation of jitneys within said business district; Now Therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION ONE. There is hereby established and defined with reference to local street transportation by motor buses a business district bounded as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at the intersection of South Alamo and Nueva Street;

THENCE West on Nueva Street to the intersection of South Laredo and Nueva Streets:

THENCE North on South Laredo Street to its intersection with West Travis Street;

THENCE East on Travis Street to its intersection with Avenue "D";

THENCE North on Avenue "D" to its intersection with Fourth Street,

THENCE East on Fourth Street to its intersection with Bowie Street.

THENCE South on Bowie Street to its intersection with East Commerce and Bowie Street;

THENCE across East Commerce Street to its intersection with and at the corner of Rusk Street;

THENCE from said intersection of Commerce and Rusk Streets South to the intersection of Rusk and North Streets;

THENCE West on North Street to the intersection of North and South Alamo Streets, and

THENCE South on South Alamo Street to its intersection with and at the corner of Nueva Street, the place of beginning;

Provided this district shall be construed not to include the streets constituting the boundaries of such business district.

Section Two. No licenses shall hereafter be granted or issued to any person, firm or corporation authorizing the operation of a motor bus in any public street, or in any part of any public street, included within said business district; and for the better disposition of traffic on the streets of this City, and for other reasons of public safety, it is hereby ordered that all termini, routes and schedules specified in any licenses heretofore issued and authorizing the operation of motor buses in any part of said business district, shall be and they are hereby ~~revised~~ altered, on the initiative of the Commissioners, so that the same shall not include any part of said business district: but all such licenses shall be authorized to surrender their licen-

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-ses and to receive corrected licenses, or to surrender such licenses and to receive the prorata unearned part of the license fees paid, all as provided in Section Ten and Eleven of said ordinance of March 8, 1915; provided that such motor buses licensed and operating back and forth into Camp Wilson and to the Post Office may be operated on Avenue D and Avenue E, and on Houston Street in front of the postoffice solely for the purpose of passing from Avenue E to Avenue D; and such vehicles shall enter Houston Street from Avenue E and depart therefrom by Avenue D; and provided further that all such licensees desiring to surrender their licenses and receive corrected licenses not including any part of said business district, shall within ten days from and after the passage of this ordinance surrender such existing licenses and file with the City Clerk request in writing for corrected licenses, and in such written requests shall specify for that part of their present routes included in said business district, other streets not included in said business district.

SECTION THREE. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to operate or cause to be operated any motor bus on any street of this City within said business district, except <sup>said</sup> such motor buses licensed to be operated back and forth into Camp Wilson, and operated as hereinbefore required.

SECTION FOUR. In the event street cars, in such numbers as are generally used and are necessary to handle the usual crowds patronizing the street cars, shall at any time fail to be operated for a period of twenty four consecutive hours, or more, upon any of the streets within said business district on which they are now operated, the commissioners may, upon written application, grant to the holders of licenses, authorizing the operation of motor buses, or to other persons, temporary permits to operate any transportation vehicles on all streets within said business district, but when the street cars are being operated regularly motor buses or jitneys as defined in said ordinance of March 8, 1915, shall not be run on any street within said business district.

SECTION FIVE. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars nor more than Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars for each such offense; and each day during which such violation shall continue <sup>shall constitute</sup> a separate and distinct offense.

Section Six. That certain ordinance of the Commissioners of this City heretofore passed and approved on February 15, 1917, entitled "An Ordinance prohibiting the operation of motor vehicles for hire other than those ~~granted~~ operated on tracks and rails within the specified business district in the City of San Antonio" is hereby wholly repealed; and all previous ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby in so far expressly repealed; provided this repeal shall extend and apply only to said business district, and such previous ordinances in so far as the same relate to other parts of the City shall continue in full force and effect; and if the enforcement of this ordinance shall be for any reason enjoined, or if this ordinance shall be at any time repealed, or if the enforcement of this ordinance shall be at any time suspended as provided in Section Four hereof, then, unless otherwise specially provided by some ordinance subsequent hereto, the provisions of said ordinance of March 8, 1915, shall ipso facto be revived and continue in full force and effect after such repeal, if any, or during the period of such injunction or suspension, if any, but shall again cease to be effective within said "business district" upon any termination of such injunction or suspension.

Section Seven. In case any part or parts of this ordinance shall be held to be

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invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity, or any order restraining the enforcement of any such part or parts of this ordinance, shall not effect any other part or parts hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10 day of March A.D. 1917.

ATTEST: Fred Fries  
City Clerk.

Christian G. Brown  
Mayor, City of San Antonio.

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BEXAR  
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

Before me the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Chas. A. Duhe, who being by me duly sworn, says on oath that he is one of the publishers of the San Antonio Light, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of San Antonio, in the State and County aforesaid, and that the ordinance hereto attached has been published in every issue of said newspaper on the following days, to-wit: March 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 1917.

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Sworn/and subscribed before me this March 26 1917

Charles A. Duhe

Fred Fries  
City Clerk.

## AN ORDINANCE OF-42

Submitting certain proposed amendments of the Charter of the City of San Antonio to a vote of the people and calling a Special Election therefor, all as provided by law.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

WHEREAS heretofore, to-wit; on the 29th day of March A.D. 1917, the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio by resolution duly passed and approved, declared its intention to pass an ordinance submitting to a vote of the people certain proposed amendments to the Charter of this City, and ordering that twenty (20) days' notice of such intention be given by publication of such resolution and notice for ten (10) days in the San Antonio Light, a newspaper published in this City; and,

WHEREAS such notice was duly given and published as aforesaid, the first date of such publication having been on the 30th day of March A.D. 1917; and

WHEREAS, there being no petition as prescribed by law for the submission of the question, "Shall a Commission be Chosen to Frame a New Charter?", The Commissioners of the City of San Antonio therefore desire to submit to a vote of the people, as provided by law, on its own motion, the said proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of San Antonio; Now Therefore, Be It Hereby Further Ordained:

SECTION ONE: That a special election be and the same is hereby ordered to be held and conducted in this City on the 25 th day of May A.D. 1917, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City certain proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of San Antonio;

SECTION TWO: That the manner and effect of holding said election shall be governed by those certain provisions of the constitution and laws of the State of Texas authorizing cities having more than five thousand (5,000) inhabitants, by a majority vote of the qualified voters of such City at an election held for that purpose to adopt and amend their Charters; and as provided by law only those persons shall vote at said election and who are qualified voters of said City;

SECTION THREE: The said election shall be held within the City of San Antonio in each of the forty-nine (49) election precincts thereof variously located in each of the eight (8) several wards of said City as said election precincts are now lawfully defined, and said election herein ordered shall be held at the place in each such respective election precinct named and set opposite the number of such precinct in the following table, to-wit: The polls will be open in the several precincts from 8:00 o'clock a.m., to 7:00 o'clock p.m., at the following places:

- PRECINCT No. 1--City Hall
- PRECINCT No. 2--Engine House No. 12, South Flores and Rische Streets
- PRECINCT No. 3--J.F.Homen's Place, 1508 South Flores St.
- PRECINCT No. 4--T.R.Frias' Place, 2608½ South Flores St.
- PRECINCT No. 5--A.L.Baker's Place, 3430 South Flores St.
- PRECINCT No. 6--C.Forestello's Store, corner Guadalupe and Smith Streets.
- PRECINCT No. 7--J.Rubiola's Store, 123 Vera Cruz Street.
- PRECINCT No. 8--Benevolencia Hall, 115 Matamoras Street.
- PRECINCT No. 9--Engine House No.1, South Frio and Matamoras Streets.
- PRECINCT No. 10--Playgrounds, corner Buena Vista and Smith Streets.
- PRECINCT No. 11--Engine House No.8, corner Buena Vista and Rosillo Streets.
- PRECINCT No. 12--Lund's Store, 601 W.Salinas Street.