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County Legislative Body

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Sincerely,

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SECTION 1. That the County Court of Maury County, under the provisions of Section 9 of Article II, of the Constitution of Tennessee, is vested with powers to pass ordinances with regard to private and local affairs hereinafter expressly set forth, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members thereof, at any meeting of said County Court; providing notice of intention to present such ordinances or ordinance has been given in the manner hereinafter set forth.

SECTION 2. That an ordinance under the powers which it is deemed expedient to vest in said County Court shall only be considered by the County Court of Maury County after notice of intention to propose an ordinance, together with a copy of the proposed ordinance under the authority of this Act, shall have been filed in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Maury County, at least two weeks prior to the session of the County Court at which such ordinance shall be considered.

SECTION 3. That it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the County Court of Maury County, upon the filing of intention to propose an ordinance, together with a copy of said proposed ordinance, to cause to be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in Maury County, a copy of said proposed ordinance, together with a copy of the notice of intention to propose said ordinance. Said newspaper publication shall carry the following statement, over the name of the County Court Clerk, "The above is a copy of an ordinance filed in my office on the _____ day of _____, 19____, by Esquire_____. Said ordinance may be considered at any meeting of the County Court of Maury County at any time within two weeks after the date said ordinance was filed."

SECTION 4. That acting as herein set forth said County Court of Maury County may by ordinance: (1) Establish speed and/or load limits upon any county secondary roads, outside of incorporated towns, in said County; (2) Establish the hours and days of opening and closing of all county public offices in said County; (3) Enact Health ordinances, applying to sections outside incorporated towns, in said County.

SECTION 5. That acting under the provisions of this Act, the County Court of Maury County may provide that any violation of any ordinance, passed under the provisions of this Act, is a misdemeanor.

SECTION 6. That the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable; and that if any section, provision, exception, sentence, clause, phrase, or part of this Act, be held unconstitutional or void, the remainder of this Act shall continue in full force and effect, it being the Legislative intent now hereby declared that this Act would have been adopted even if such unconstitutional or void matter had not been included in same.

SECTION 7. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 13, 1951.

COMPILER'S NOTE: See T.C.A. 55-8-153 which states, generally, that counties may impose speed limits lower than state imposed limits set forth in T.C.A. 55-8-152.

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