ORDINANCE NO. 121.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF MARIPOSA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
RELATING TO AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa,
does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. As used in this ordinance the following
words and phrases shall mean:

"Air raid warning signal" shall mean a signal, by siren,
whistle, horn or other audible device, of two minutes dura-
tion consisting of either a fluctuating or warbling signal
of varying pitch or a succession of intermittent blasts of
about five seconds duration separated by a silent period of
about three seconds.

"All clear signal" shall mean a continuous signal, by
siren, horn or other audible device, of two minutes duration
at a steady pitch.

"Period of air raid alarm" shall mean the interval of
time between the giving of the air raid warning signal and
the giving of the next succeeding all clear signal.

"Blackout structure" shall mean any space so enclosed
that any illumination maintained or existing therein is not
visible from any point outside such enclosure.

SECTION 2. The Sheriff, or his Deputies are hereby
authorized and directed to cause the sounding of an air raid
warning signal and of an all clear signal when, and only
when, the district in which the county is located is notified
so to do by the United States Aircraft Warning Service.

SECTION 3. Any person who effects or maintains any
illumination, or permits any illumination under his control
to be effected or maintained, at any place within the County
of MARIPOSA, during any period of air raid alarm in the hours
of darkness, except within a blackout structure, shall be
guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 4. The maintenance or leaving of any illumina-
tion, except within a blackout structure, without provision
for its extinguishment, within one minute after the commence-
ment of a period of air raid alarm by a competent person over
the age of eighteen years attendant at the place where such
illumination is controlled, is hereby prohibited.

SECTION 5. In order to enable the Sheriff, or his
Deputies, to conform to the request of the United States Air-
craft Warning Service for the obscuration, diminution or
extinguishment of any illumination, whether in or out of doors,
which increases the vulnerability of the County of Mariposa,
or any portion thereof, to air attack, or for the regulation
of traffic during the period of air raid alarm, the Sheriff
may adopt and promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for
such purposes, and any rules or regulations so adopted by him
shall be and remain in effect for thirty (30) days thereafter,
but no longer unless approved within said time by resolution
of the Board of Supervisors; provided, however, that any rule
or regulation so adopted by the Sheriff may at any time be
rescinded by resolution of the Board of Supervisors. Violation
of any such rule or regulation so adopted and promulgated
is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor.

SECTION 6. It shall be unlawful to disobey any
lawful direction or order of a peace officer, highway patrol-
man, or fireman given during a period of air raid alarm, which
order is reasonably necessary for the maintenance of public
order or safety or to effect the extinguishment or obscuration
of light.
SECTION 7. Any illumination contrary to the provisions of this ordinance, or to any rule or regulation adopted and promulgated in accordance with Section 5 hereof, constitutes a public nuisance, and the same may be summarily abated by any peace officer, highway patrolman, or fireman. Any structure may be entered by any peace officer, highway patrolman, or fireman, using reasonable force if necessary, for the purpose of abating such a nuisance by extinguishing such illumination.

SECTION 8. At the commencement of a period of air raid alarm, the operator of any motor vehicle shall forthwith bring such vehicle as far as possible to the side of the street, road or highway off the main traveled portion thereof, and the operator of such motor vehicle, and the operator of any street car, shall bring such motor vehicle or street car to a stop clear of any crossing, intersection, fire house, fire plug, hospital or other emergency depot or area, and during the hours of darkness shall extinguish all lights therein or thereon and said motor vehicle or street car shall remain so situated during the period of air raid alarm, unless directed or ordered to move by a peace officer, highway patrolman, or fireman.

SECTION 9. The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to blackout emergency vehicles, which shall include the following:

1. All Army and Navy vehicles.
2. All vehicles with United States Government credentials indicating the necessity of emergency movement.
3. All authorized emergency vehicles are defined in Sections 44 and 44.1 of the vehicle code of California.
4. All vehicles being operated by members of the California State Guard while actually on duty.
5. All vehicles of volunteer personnel, engaged in the
operation of the aircraft warning service of the Fourth Inter-
ceptor Command while such personnel are actually going to or
from their posts of duty.

6. Chief air raid wardens. (Air raid wardens will not
be permitted emergency classifications).


8. Clergy, ministers of the gospel and Christian
Science practitioners.

9. Key personnel of manufacturing and utility
plants where they are able to satisfy the certifying officer
that emergency classification is absolutely necessary.

SECTION 10. It shall be unlawful for any person without
authority, during any air raid alarm, to use, wear, exhibit
or possess any uniform, insignia, credential, or other indica-
tion of authority, or any imitation thereof, adopted and issued
by any official civilian defense organization.

SECTION 11. Any person who shall operate a siren,
whistle or other audible device in such a manner as to simulate
an air raid warning signal or an all clear signal, except upon
order of the Sheriff, or other proper authority, shall be guilty
of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 12. The provisions of every ordinance of this
county and every administrative order made pursuant thereto,
requiring any illumination to be maintained in conflict with
this ordinance or with any rule or regulation made pursuant
to Section 5 of this ordinance, shall be deemed suspended
during the period between any air raid warning signal and the
next succeeding all clear signal.

SECTION 13. Any person who shall violate any provision
of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon
conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not exceed-
ing three hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the county
jail not exceeding three months, or by both such fine and
imprisonment.
SECTION 14. This ordinance is required for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and the following is the statement of facts constituting such urgency: The United States is at war and this County is in great and continuing danger of air and other attack by the enemy.

SECTION 15. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

The foregoing Ordinance was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting held on the 2nd day of February, 1942, by the following vote:

Ayes: Ray M. Sullivan
      Eugene Mackey
      Wm. B. McCoy
      E. D. Hayes

ATTEST: J. C. Gonzalez
         Clerk, Board of Supervisors,
         Mariposa County, California.