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An Ordinance

W. B. Bower

This is a copy of a City Ordinance passed by the Board of Aldermen of Kingstree, South Carolina. It would be well if every town in the South had a similar City Ordinance to be enforced by their local Police Department.

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An Ordinance Prohibiting the Joint Use of Railroad Stations, Bus Stations, Parks, Recreation Centers, and Amusement Places by the White and Colored Races, Providing for the Posting of Signs for the Use of Such Places, and Providing a Penalty for the Violation Thereof.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Kingstree, South Carolina, in Council Assembled, and by the authority of the same:

Section 1: That it shall be unlawful in the Town of Kingstree to maintain a railroad station, bus station, public park, public recreation center, public amusement center, or public bathing beach for the joint use and enjoyment of both the White and Colored Races.

Section 2: Each such railroad station, bus station, public park, recreation center, amusement center, and bathing beach shall be publicly posted and designated by signs at the entrance thereto to show whether it is designated and maintained for the use and enjoyment of the White or Colored Race, as the case may be, and that the waiting rooms and rest rooms provided at railroad stations and bus stations shall also be publicly posted and designated by signs at the entrance of each such place to show whether it is maintained for the use and enjoyment of the White of the Colored Race, as the case may be.

Section 3: It shall be unlawful for any person of the White Race to enter, use or attempt to use any such place which is duly posted to be dedicated and maintained for the use of the Colored Race, and it shall be unlawful for any person of the Colored Race to enter, use or attempt to use any such place which is duly posted to be dedicated and maintained for the use of the White Race, except that the provisions hereof shall not apply to domestic servants accompanying their employers in the course of their employment, nor shall it apply to nurses accompanying children of the opposite race in their charge, nor to employees of such places.

Section 4: It shall be unlawful for any person of the White Race to use, or attempt to use any of the equipment, facilities, or any of the personal property located and maintained for the use of the Colored Race in any public place, and it shall be unlawful for any person of the Colored Race to use or attempt to use any of the equipment, facilities, or any of the personal property located and maintained for the use of the White Race in any public place as defined in this Ordinance.

Section 5: Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than Ten Dollars nor more than One Hundred Dollars or imprisonment for not less than ten days nor more than thirty days.

Section 6: That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the passage and ratification thereof.

Section 7: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance be, and the same hereby are, repealed.

PASSED AND RATIFIED in Council duly assembled, this 31st day of January, 1956.

W. B. BOWER, Mayor

Attest:
(Seal) J. F. ARROWSMITH,
Clerk and Treasurer