

# Evils Lurk In the Proposed Amendments to the Jitney Ordinance

## Let Every Voter Help Defeat Them at the Polls To-morrow

The welfare of every citizen of Harrisburg is so vitally concerned in the Proposed Amendments to the present Jitney Ordinance that it will pay every voter to consider carefully the evils that lurk therein, and go to the polls to-morrow determined to defeat them.

### Wiping Out the Bond That Protects You--Your Wife--Your Boy--Your Girl

One effect of the amendments, if passed, will be to wipe out the \$2,000 bond required by the present Jitney Law from each operator as protection in the case of damage to life, limb or property.

In lieu thereof they provide that each jitney operator shall pay to the City Treasurer the sum of \$5.00 per month, until \$1,000 has been accumulated in the City Treasury, when further payments shall cease.

That will require monthly payments for sixteen and two-thirds years.

Let's see how such protection works out!

Suppose a jitney hits you, your wife or your child during the first month of its operation, and breaks a leg or an arm or kills.

You will have the large and munificent sum of \$5.00 against which to recover damage.

Or suppose the accident should occur after the jitney had been in operation 15 years.

By that time \$900 would have been paid in and accumulated, provided no damages had been claimed for previous accidents.

But wait!

The ordinance further provides that the amount so paid in shall be returned to an operator when he or she ceases to own or lease a jitney, if during the period no damage had been done to persons or property for which he or she HAD BEEN HELD RESPONSIBLE.

See the loophole?

All the jitney operator need do would be to immediately cease to be an owner or lessee—before you could bring action to hold him responsible—withdraw his fund from the City Treasury—and you would have nothing against which to recover.

That's the sort of protection you are asked to stamp with your approval at the polls to-morrow.

### Cutting Down the City's Revenue

The amendments also provide that the license fee for operating a jitney be cut from \$30 to \$10 per year.

Not only will this cut down the revenues to the city—but would encourage the entrance of numberless jitneys into the field—which would mean

### Increasing the City's Expense

For, with the consequent increase in traffic will come greater wear and tear on YOUR streets, and the necessity of additional traffic officers.

Greater expense with less revenue to pay it—and the logical solution to that problem is

### Heavier Taxation

Property-owners and rent-payers need no detailed explanation of this subject.

### BEAR THIS IN MIND:

If these Amendments are carried at the election to-morrow—they will become law for two years.

Under the Clark Act no power—City Council, Court, not even the voters themselves can change it within that period.

Special ballots (sample below) will be used in voting for or against the Proposed Amendments.

Every voter should be sure that he gets in addition to his regular election ballot one of these special ballots.

If you are opposed to wiping out protection for you and yours—

If you are opposed to cutting down the city's revenue—

If you are opposed to increasing the city's expense—

If you are opposed to possible heavier taxation—

Help Defeat the Proposed Amendments to the Present Jitney Ordinance by Marking an **X** Opposite the Words "Against the Ordinance" **THUS:**

## Sample Ballot

If you are for the Proposed Ordinance, mark an X opposite the words "For the Ordinance"  
If you are against the Proposed Ordinance, mark an X opposite the words "Against the Ordinance."

### NATURE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

An ordinance amending an ordinance, entitled "An ordinance to regulate the operation of motor busses in the City of Harrisburg and providing for the licensing thereof," as follows:

Reducing the amount of the bond required from each licensee of a motor bus from \$2,000 to \$50, and providing that such bond shall not contain any warrant of attorney to confess judgment and shall be held only as a guarantee against violations of traffic regulations, instead of being conditioned, as at present, for the faithful performance of each and every provision of the existing ordinance and that any person or persons who may be injured or damaged in person or in property by the operation of a motor bus may sue under such bond and recover such damages as they may have sustained.

Proving that in addition to such \$50 bond each licensee of a motor bus shall pay to the city treasurer the sum of \$5 each and every month, in advance, until the sum of \$1,000 has been accumulated in the city treasury. The aforesaid \$1,000, or such part as may have been paid, shall be returned, without interest, to the licensee of a motor bus when he or she ceases to own or lease a motor bus in active operation, if no damage has been done to persons or property, and providing further that any licensee who withdraws the aforesaid \$1,000, or such part thereof as may have been deposited, shall not again be licensed until the full sum withdrawn has again been deposited.

Reducing the license fees from \$30 to \$10 for motor busses carry not more than seven persons; from \$50 to \$20 for motor busses carrying more than seven and less than fifteen persons; and from \$75 to \$30 for motor busses carrying more than fifteen persons.

For the Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Against the Ordinance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## MOTOR CLUB OF HARRISBURG

109 SOUTH SECOND STREET

JERRY ON THE JOB

By HOBAN

