

CHAPTER 9

BICYCLE REGULATIONS

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9-9-1: EFFECT OF REGULATIONS: It is a misdemeanor for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required in this Chapter.

Parents Responsibilities. The parent of any child and the guardian of any ward shall not authorize or knowingly permit any such child or ward to violate any of the provisions of this Chapter.

Applicability on Highway. The regulations applicable to bicycles shall apply whenever a bicycle is operated upon any highway or upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles subject to those exceptions stated herein.

9-9-2: OBEY TRAFFIC LAWS:

A. **Traffic Laws Apply.** Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of this State declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles or by this Title applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations in this Chapter and except as to those regulations which by their nature can have no application.

B. **Obedience to Traffic Control Devices.** Any person operating a bicycle shall obey the instructions of official traffic control signals, signs and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right or left or U turn is permitted, no person operating a bicycle shall disobey the direction of any such sign, except where such person dismounts from the bicycle to make any such turn, in which event such persons shall obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians.

9-9-3: RIDING ON BICYCLES:

A. A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.

No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed.

B. Riding on Roadways and Bicycle Paths. Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two (2) abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

Wherever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a roadway bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the roadway.

C. Speed. No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.

D. Emerging from Alley or Driveway. The operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, yield the right of way to all pedestrians approaching on said sidewalk or side walk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on said roadway.

E. Carrying Articles. No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the rider from keeping in a rack to support the bicycle or against a building or at the curb, in such manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic.

G. Riding on Sidewalks.

1. No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within the business district.
2. The Chief of Police is authorized to erect signs on any sidewalk or roadway prohibiting the riding of bicycles thereon by any person and when such signs are in place no person shall disobey the same.
3. No person fifteen (15) or more years of age shall ride a bicycle upon any sidewalk in any district.
4. Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon the sidewalk, such person shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian and shall give audible before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

9-9-4: BICYCLE EQUIPMENT:

A. Lamps. Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet (500') to the front and with a red reflector on the rear of a type which shall be visible from all distances from fifty feet (50') to three hundred feet (300') to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper

beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet (500') to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

B. Bell. No person shall operate a bicycle unless it is equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least one hundred feet (100'), except that a bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.

C. Brakes. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement. (1963 Code, * 36.53)