

Chapter 4

BICYCLES

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 4-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings unless otherwise specifically designated:

Bicycle. The term "bicycle" shall mean and include any vehicle consisting of an arrangement or combination of two (2) wheels, one following the other, supported by a frame and propelled by the feet acting upon pedals.

Person. The word "person," shall include any individual notwithstanding age.

Sidewalk. That portion of a public highway set apart primarily for public pedestrian traffic.

Sec. 4-2. Registration required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate, or cause to be operated, a bicycle propelled wholly or in part by muscular power, upon any of the streets of the town unless the same has been duly registered as provided in this chapter.

Sec. 4-3. Time of registration; term.

All registrations of bicycles required by this chapter shall be made prior to July 1, 1987 or within thirty (30) days from the date of acquisition, thereafter. The registration shall be effective for the life of the bicycle or as long as the registered owner has that bicycle in his or her possession/ownership.

Sec. 4-4. Application for registration.

All applications for registration of bicycles as provided in this chapter shall be on forms prescribed by the chief of police and signed by the owner, in which application shall appear a suitable description of such bicycle for identification purposes. In the event that the owner of said bicycle is a person under the age of eighteen (18), the bicycle shall be registered in the name of the owner, but the parent, parents, guardian, school at which such minor may be in attendance, if a non-resident,, or householder with whom such minor may be living, shall be responsible for the registration and for the mechanical condition of the bicycle registered in the name of such minor.

Sec. 4-5. Issuance of registration certificates, identification tapes.

The chief of police of the town or his duly authorized agent, including any local dealer in new or used bicycles, or any police officer duly appointed for the town, are hereby authorized to issue a certificate of registration in such form as the chief of police may prescribe, on which shall appear the number assigned to the registrant, the name and address of the registrant, a description of the bicycle registered, and the date of registration. The chief of police shall prescribe the size of registration cards, the order in which numbers are to be issued, the size of the registration or other identification and shall provide each owner upon a bicycle registration with holders for registration cards. He shall also assign to each bicycle so registered a scotch like tape or other similar material, showing the number assigned.

Sec. 4-6. Required records of registrations.

The chief of police of the town and his department shall keep a record of each registration, by whom made and the number assigned.

Sec. 4-7. Registration and identification to be carried on bicycle.

A person shall not operate or cause to be operated a bicycle as defined in section 4-1 unless a tape or other means of identification is securely attached to the frame of said bicycle in some conspicuous place, to be designated by the chief of police, and unless the registration certificate for such bicycle is securely attached to the frame of the bicycle or carried on the person of the operator thereof.

Sec. 4-8. Registration fees.

A registration fee of \$1.00 (one dollar) per bicycle will be required.

When a bicycle is sold or ownership is transferred, or registration identification tag/sticker is lost or damaged, the owner of said bicycle shall register bicycle within thirty (30) days of such action and pay the applicable registration fee.

Sec. 4-9. Penalty.

A person who fails to register his or her bicycle pursuant to Sec. 4-2 of this Chapter shall receive a written warning for the first offense. Any subsequent offense(s) shall be fined ten dollars (\$10.00) and the waiver fee shall be five dollars (\$5.00).

ARTICLE II. OPERATION

Sec. 4-23. Equipment

Brakes. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle on any of the streets of the town, unless equipped with adequate brakes.

Sec. 4-24. Mode of operation generally.

- a) *Use of both hands required.* It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle on any of the streets of the town unless both hands be used for the guidance of same.
- b) *Riding on handlebars.* The operator of a bicycle shall not carry any other person on handlebars, cross bar, or tandem seat.
- c) *Riding abreast.* Bicycles being driven on the highways in groups of two (2) or more shall not ride abreast of each other, but in tandem.

Sec. 4-25. Town traffic code applicable to operation of bicycles.

The provisions of the town traffic code as amended, shall be applicable to the operation of bicycles on, along and upon the public highways of the town including all streets, sidewalks and bridges, insofar as these rules and regulations shall apply.

Sec. 4-26. Operators to keep to right.

Operators of bicycles shall keep to the right of the center of the highways at all times, except when making a left or right turn upon proper signal therefore.

Sec. 4-27. Pedestrians to be given right-of-way, etc.

It shall be the duty of all operators of bicycles on the streets of the town to use due care at intersections, and when approaching pedestrians such operators shall at all times yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.

Sec. 4-28. Obedience to traffic signal devices.

All bicycle operators shall obey all traffic control devices displayed to regulate motor vehicle traffic.

Sec. 4-29. Hand signals required.

Suitable hand signals shall be given by bicycle operators when making turns, stopping and leaving a curb.

Sec. 4-30. Use of lights required at certain times.

- a) All bicycles operated from one half hour after sunset until one half hour before sunrise shall be equipped with an adequate headlight and said lights shall be in use during said time element.
- b) All bicycles shall display a red reflector (glass, plastic or tape) on front and rear of all bicycles operated on public highways.

Sec. 4-31. Operation on pedestrian pathways.

It shall be lawful for any person to operate any bicycle on any of the sidewalks of the town, or upon any lane, park or place which is used by pedestrians, as a walk, except on Main Street, Grove Street, High Street from Main Street to Oak Street, Green Street from Main Street to Church Street, Elliot Street from Main Street to School Street, Flat Street, Canal Street from Main Street to Elm Street, Linden Street from Park Place to Cedar Street, South Main Street from Main Street to Pearl Street, Miller Drive, Garfield Drive, and all sidewalks in Melrose Terrace and Hayes Court.

Sec. 4-32. Penalty.

A person who violates any section within Article II of this Chapter shall be fined ten dollars (\$10.00) and the waiver fee shall be five dollars (\$5.00).