

## **ARTICLE X. BICYCLES**

Secs. 18-144--18-144.7. Reserved.

**Editor's note:** Sections 18-144--18.144.7, derived from Ord. No. 219-73, § 1, adopted Sept. 13, 1973, were repealed by §§ 1--8 of Ord. No. 183-92, adopted Oct. 15, 1992, thus eliminating sections pertaining to mandatory licensing and reporting the purchase and sale of bicycles.

### **Sec. 18-145. Traffic laws apply.**

Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all 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 chapter made applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations in section 18-165 and this article and except as to those provisions of laws which, by their nature, can have no application.

### **Sec. 18-146. 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.

### **Sec. 18-147. Method of riding.**

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 and equipped.

### **Sec. 18-148. Riding on roadways and bicycle paths.**

(a) Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right-hand side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

(b) Persons riding or pushing bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride or push two (2) abreast in any business district or more than two (2) abreast in any other district.

(c) Whenever a designated bicycle path has been provided adjacent to a roadway, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the roadway.

(d) No person shall ride a bicycle on any designated limited-access highway.

(e) No motorized vehicles shall be allowed on any designated bicycle path.

(Ord. No. 219-73, § 1, 9-13-73; Ord. No. 154-83, § 1, 9-8-83)

### **Sec. 18-149. Operation of bicycle.**

No person shall ride a bicycle at a distance of more than five (5) feet from the curb or edge of a roadway except when passing another vehicle.

### **Sec. 18-150. Speed.**

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

### **Sec. 18-151. 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 such sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon

entering the roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on such roadway.

**Sec. 18-152. Carrying articles.**

No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the rider from keeping at least one (1) hand on the handlebars.

**Sec. 18-153. Clinging to vehicles.**

No person riding upon any bicycle shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

**Sec. 18-154. Parking.**

No person shall park a bicycle upon a street other than upon the roadway against the curb or upon the sidewalk 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.

**Sec. 18-155. Riding on sidewalks.**

(a) No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within the business district, except for members of the division of police and the sheriff's office. The business district shall be from the corner of Jefferson and West Vine Street east along; West Vine Street to Ransom Street, north along Ransom to East Main Street, then west on East Main Street to DeWeese Street, then north on DeWeese Street to East Short Street, then west on East Short Street to Walnut Street, then north on Walnut Street to Barr Street, then west on Barr Street and Church Street to North Broadway, then south on North Broadway to West Short Street, then west on West Short Street to Spring Street, then south on Spring Street to West Main Street, then west on West Main Street to Jefferson Street.

(b) The director, division of traffic engineering is authorized to erect signs on any sidewalk or roadway prohibiting the riding of bicycles thereon by any person, when in his opinion the riding of bicycles would constitute a danger either to the riders or to pedestrians. When such signs are in place only members of the division of police or the sheriff's office can disregard the same.

(c) Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

(d) Members of the division of police and the sheriff's office are authorized to ride bicycles, horses and Segways on any sidewalk or roadway including those within the business district.

(Ord. No. 4753, § 1, 10-3-63; Ord. No. 95-73, § 1, 4-12-73; Ord. No. 71-2005, § 1, 3-24-05)

**Sec. 18-156. Equipment.**

(a) 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 (500) feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear of a type which shall be visible from all distances from fifty (50) feet to three hundred (300) feet to the rear when directly in front of a lawful upper beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

(b) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

(c) Every bicycle shall be equipped with good tires, safe steering, pedals and tight fittings.

(Ord. No. 155-71, § 1, 9-9-71; Ord. No. 219-73, § 1, 9-13-73)