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#### **ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**

##### **SECTION 6-1. DEFINED.**

For the purposes of this chapter, the word "bicycle" shall mean every device propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having two (2) tandem wheels either of which is more than eighteen inches (18") in diameter and shall include tricycles powered by human power having at least two (2) wheels more than eighteen inches (18") in diameter.

##### **SECTION 6-2. EFFECT OF REGULATIONS.**

- (a) It is a misdemeanor for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required by this chapter.
- (b) The parent of any child and the guardian of any ward shall not authorize or knowingly permit the child or ward to violate any provision of this chapter.
- (c) Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be liable for all damages accruing to any person or property, and at the discretion of the municipal judge, may be punished as provided in section 1-5

#### **ARTICLE II. OPERATION**

##### **SECTION 6-3. APPLICABILITY OF TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.**

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 under the motor vehicle provisions of this Code, except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application.

##### **SECTION 6-4. WHEN PROVISIONS IN EFFECT.**

The provisions of this article and any traffic regulation applicable to bicyclists shall apply whenever a bicycle is operated upon any highway or any path set aside for the use of bicyclists.

##### **SECTION 6-5. NUMBER OF RIDERS.**

No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one (1) time than the number for which it is designed or equipped except that an adult rider may carry a child securely attached to his person in a backpack or sling.

**SECTION 6-6. TO BE RIDDEN ON RIGHT EDGE OF ROADWAY; RIDING MORE THAN TWO ABREAST; USE OF BICYCLE PATHS.**

- (a) 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 (1) proceeding in the same direction.
- (b) 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. Persons riding two (2) abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic and, on a laned roadway, shall ride within a single lane.
- (c) Whenever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a roadway, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the roadway.

**SECTION 6-7. CARRYING PACKAGES, ETC.**

No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the the driver from keeping at least one (1) hand upon the handle bars at all times.

**SECTION 6-8. 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 feet (500') to the front and with a red reflector on the rear of a type approved by the highway department which shall be visible from six hundred feet (600') to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps 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) A bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.
- (c) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to stop the bicycle within twenty-five feet (25') from a speed of ten (10) miles per hour on dry, level, clean pavement.

**SECTION 6-9. OPERATION ON SIDEWALKS.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle upon any sidewalk within the city.