

ARTICLE XII REGULATIONS FOR BICYCLES

Sec. 12.1 TRAFFIC LAWS APPLY TO PERSONS RIDING BICYCLES

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 motor vehicle by the laws of this state declaring rules of the road applicable to motor vehicles or by the traffic regulations of this city applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle, except as to special regulations in this article and except as to those provision of laws and regulations which by their nature can have no application.

Sec. 12.2 OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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 person shall then obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians.

Sec. 12.3 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- (a) Every bicycle operated upon a way shall be equipped with a braking system to enable the operator to bring the bicycle traveling at a speed of fifteen miles per hour to a smooth safe stop within thirty feet on a dry, clean, hard, level surface.
- (b) Every bicycle when in use during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500' to the front. To the rear, either a red lamp or a red reflector visible for not less than 600' when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle.
- (c) The operator shall not carry any package, bundle or article except in a basket, rack, trailer or other device designated for such purpose. The operator shall keep at least one hand upon the handlebars at all times.

Sec. 12.4 RIDING ON BICYCLES

For Law of the Commonwealth, See G.. c.85, 11B and 11B 1/2

Sec. 12.5 RIDING ON ROADWAYS

- (a) The bicycle operator shall ride single file on any way except when passing. The bicycle operator may keep to the right when passing a motor vehicle which is moving in the travel lane or the way. The bicycle operator shall not pass to the right of a bus or minibus stopped at a designated bus stop.
- (b) The bicycle operator shall signal by either hand their intention to stop or turn.
- (c) The bicycle operator shall not permit their bicycle to be drawn by any other moving vehicle.

Sec. 12.6 EMERGING FROM ALLEY OR DRIVEWAY

The driver 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 sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on said roadway.

Sec. 12.7 RIDING ON SIDEWALKS

- (a) Pedestrians have the right of way on all sidewalks. The operator of a bicycle shall yield to pedestrians in all traffic situations.
- (b) The operator of a bicycle shall ride at a speed no greater than an ordinary walk when on a sidewalk or when

- entering or leaving a sidewalk.
- (c) The operator of a bicycle shall give an audible warning before passing a pedestrian far enough in advance to allow the pedestrian time to react.
- (d) No one shall operate a bicycle on a sidewalk in a manner that endangers or would be likely to endanger any person or property.
- (e) The operator of a bicycle shall comply with all Federal, State and local regulations concerning lighting and helmet use as they apply to roadways when riding on a sidewalk.

Sec. 12.8 SIDEWALK CYCLING BANNED ON CERTAIN STREETS AND DISTRICTS

- (a) No person shall ride a bicycle on any sidewalk within a business district as defined in Article I.
- (b) No person shall ride a bicycle on any sidewalk described in Schedule 4B incorporated herein and made part hereof available at the Traffic Department and which has been posted with appropriate signs and/or markings on the sidewalk.

Sec. 12.9 BICYCLE PARKING

No person shall park on the public right-of-way in a manner other than the following;

- (a) In or on a bicycle facility/bicycle rack specifically designed for such a purpose.
- (b) Against a pole located on a sidewalk except where sidewalk cycling is restricted as described in Section 12.8. Where cycling is prohibited, no bicycle shall be parked longer than 24 consecutive hours.
- (c) Against a building.

At no time shall a bicycle be parked in such a manner as to restrict safe and unobstructed access for pedestrians. No parked bicycle shall impede access to persons with disabilities.