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CHAPTER 373 Bicycles

373.07 RIDING ON BICYCLE PATHS OR SIDEWALKS.

It shall be legal to ride a bicycle or tricycle upon a sidewalk, or public way, or upon any path set

aside for the exclusive use of bicycles and/or tricycles, subject to the following:

(a) Wherever a designated path for bicycles and tricycles has been provided adjacent to a street, bicycle and tricycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the street.

(b) Any person operating a bicycle or tricycle may ride upon the sidewalk rather than the roadway when sidewalks are available and not congested with pedestrian traffic. If the sidewalk is congested with pedestrian traffic, the bicycle or tricycle operator using the sidewalk shall walk the bicycle or tricycle. At no time shall a bicyclist or tricycle under the age of seven operate a bicycle or tricycle on a street.

(c) No person shall ride a bicycle or tricycle upon a sidewalk upon or along which signs have been erected by authority of the Director of Public Safety prohibiting such bicycle riding.

(d) Whenever a person is riding a bicycle or tricycle upon a sidewalk such person shall yield right of way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before attempting to overtake and pass a pedestrian or another bicycle or tricycle. This audible signal must be given only by a bell or other warning device capable of giving an audible signal, but in no event shall a siren or whistle be used for signaling purposes. Such signal shall be given at a distance and in such a manner as not to startle a person being overtaken and passed.

(e) No person shall ride a bicycle or tricycle across or through an intersection when approaching an intersection on a sidewalk. Such intersections are to be crossed by walking the bicycle or tricycle across or through the intersection.

(f) Whenever a person is riding a bicycle or tricycle upon a sidewalk, the person before overtaking and passing a blind person carrying a white cane, shall dismount and overtake or pass on foot.

(g) No person shall park a bicycle or tricycle upon a sidewalk in such a manner so as to interfere with pedestrian traffic or endanger the property of another.

(Ord. 45-88. Passed 6-14-88.)

373.08 RIDING ON PROPER SEAT; TRICK RIDING.

(a) A person operating a bicycle or tricycle shall not ride other than astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto, or carry any other person upon such bicycle or tricycle other than upon a firmly attached and regular seat thereon, nor shall any person ride upon a bicycle or tricycle other than upon such a firmly attached and regular seat.

(b) No bicycle or tricycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

(c) No person shall engage in trick riding or operate a bicycle or tricycle without both hands upon the handle grips, except when necessary to give the hand signals required herein. (Ord. 45-88. Passed 6-14-88.)

373.09 EMERGING FROM ALLEY OR DRIVEWAY.

(a) The operator of a bicycle or tricycle emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alley or driveway, yield the right of way to all pedestrians approaching on such sidewalk area and upon entering the street shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on such street.

(b) Every rider of a bicycle or tricycle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian or any vehicle upon any roadway, sidewalk or bicycle path, or endangering the life, limb or property of any person while in the lawful use of the streets, sidewalks or any other private or public property.

(Ord. 45-88. Passed 6-14-88.)

373.10 CARRYING ARTICLES.

No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article that prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars.

(Ord. 45-88. Passed 6-14-88.)

373.11 STOLEN BICYCLES AND/OR TRICYCLES.

No person shall steal any bicycle or tricycle or purposely take, ride or operate any bicycle or tricycle without consent of the owner thereof, or buy or conceal any bicycle or tricycle that has been stolen, knowing it to have been stolen.

(Ord. 45-88. Passed 6-14-88.)

373.12 LAMPS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT.

(a) Every bicycle and tricycle when in use in the night season, shall be equipped with the following:

(1) A lamp on the front that shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front;

(2) A red reflector on the rear of a type approved by the Ohio Director of Highway Safety that shall be visible from all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle;

(3) A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear shall be used in addition to the red reflector;

(4) An essentially colorless reflector on the front of a type approved by the Director;

(5) Either with tires with retroreflective sidewalls or with an essentially colorless or amber reflector mounted on the spokes of the front wheel and an essentially colorless or red reflector mounted on the spokes of the rear wheel. Each reflector shall be visible on each side of the wheel from a distance of 600 feet when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. Retroreflective tires or reflectors shall be of a type approved by the Director. (A.O.)

(b) No person shall operate a bicycle or tricycle unless it is equipped with a bell or other warning device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least 100 feet, except that a bicycle or tricycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use on a bicycle or tricycle any siren or whistle.

(c) Every bicycle and tricycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the brake wheel skid on dry, level pavement and in addition, such brakes shall conform to the provisions of Chapter 337 of this Traffic Code.

(Ord. 45-88. Passed 6-14-88.)

373.13 DUTY TO LOCK BICYCLE AND/OR TRICYCLE.

No bicycle and/or tricycle shall remain unlocked when parked or left standing upon any public street, public sidewalk, public driveway, public playground, public school property or any other public property.

(Ord. 45-88. Passed 6-14-88.)

373.14 IMPOUNDING OF BICYCLES AND/OR TRICYCLES.

(a) Whenever any person operates a bicycle or tricycle in violation of any section of this Traffic Code, the bicycle and/or tricycle may be seized by any member of the division of Police and the Chief of Police shall have the authority to impound any bicycle or tricycle at the police station. An impounded bicycle shall not be released to a minor.

(b) When any bicycle or tricycle has been seized and so impounded, notice shall be made forthwith by the officer in charge to the owner of the bicycle or tricycle or, in the event the person is a minor under the age of eighteen years, such notice shall be made to the parent or guardian of the licensee of the bicycle or tricycle. The notice shall contain a full explanation of the reason for

seizing and impounding the bicycle or tricycle.

(c) Any bicycle or tricycle impounded under the provisions of this Traffic Code shall be surrendered to the owner or to the parents or guardian of any minor upon showing sufficient proof of ownership of the bicycle or tricycle, but nothing herein shall relieve the offender of any penalty that may be imposed under the general penalty section of this chapter.

(d) It shall be the duty of the police officer or the person in charge of records to keep in an appropriate book or file the names and addresses of all owners of bicycles and tricycles impounded, the name and address of the violator if he is not the owner, the license number and the serial number of the bicycle or tricycle, together with the nature and circumstances of each violation, as well as the disposition of each case.

(Ord. 45-88. Passed 6-14-88.)

373.15 ELECTRIC BICYCLES.

(a) (1) The operation of a class 1 electric bicycle and a class 2 electric bicycle is permitted on a path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles or on a shared-use path, unless the Municipality by resolution, ordinance, or rule prohibits the use of a class 1 electric bicycle or class 2 electric bicycle on such a path.

(2) No person shall operate a class 3 electric bicycle on a path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles or a shared-use path unless that path is within or adjacent to a highway or the Municipality by resolution, ordinance, or rule authorizes the use of a class 3 electric bicycle on such a path.

(3) No person shall operate a class 1 electric bicycle, a class 2 electric bicycle or a class 3 electric bicycle on a path that is intended to be used primarily for mountain biking, hiking, equestrian use, or other similar uses, or any other single track or natural surface trail that has historically been reserved for nonmotorized use, unless the Municipality by resolution, ordinance or rule authorizes the use of a class 1 electric bicycle, a class 2 electric bicycle, or a class 3 electric bicycle on such a path.

(4) Subsections (a)(2) and (a)(3) of this section do not apply to a law enforcement officer, or other person sworn to enforce the criminal and traffic laws of the state, using an electric bicycle while in the performance of the officer's duties.

(b) (1) No person under sixteen years of age shall operate a class 3 electric bicycle; however, a person under sixteen years of age may ride as a passenger on a class 3 electric bicycle that is designed to accommodate passengers.

(2) No person shall operate or be a passenger on a class 3 electric bicycle unless the person is wearing a protective helmet that meets the standards established by the Consumer Product Safety Commission or the American Society for Testing and Materials.

(c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever operates an electric bicycle in a manner that is prohibited under subsection (a) of this section and whoever violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(2) The offenses established under subsection (c)(1) of this section are strict liability offenses and strict liability is a culpable mental state for purposes of Ohio R.C. 2901.20. The designation of these offenses as strict liability offenses shall not be construed to imply that any other offense, for which there is no specified degree of culpability, is not a strict liability offense.

(ORC 4511.522)

LICENSING

373.20 LICENSE REQUIRED; FEE.

(a) No bicycle shall be operated in the City without a license therefor as provided in this chapter. Such license shall be applied for to Clerk of Courts of the City by every owner of a bicycle upon a form provided by the Chief of Police. A license fee of two dollars (\$2.00) shall be paid to the Clerk of Courts for each license granted. No further license fee shall be charged so long as the ownership of such licensed bicycle does not change.

(b) No person who is the owner of a bicycle shall be permitted to use such bicycle unless it is licensed in a manner satisfactory to the Chief of Police.

(Ord. 45-88. Passed 6-14-88.)

373.21 ISSUANCE.

The Clerk of Courts upon receiving the proper application therefor, is authorized to issue a bicycle license which shall be effective so long as the applicant owns the bicycle for which such license is issued. The Clerk of Courts shall not issue a license for any bicycle when he knows or has reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant is not the owner of or entitled to the possession of such bicycle. The Chief of Police or someone designated by him shall keep a record of the number of each license, the date issued, the name of the person to whom issued, the model and number on the frame of the bicycle for which issued, and a record of all bicycle license fees collected by him. A minor, upon making application for a bicycle license, shall furnish to the Chief of Police, or someone designated by him, a certification by a parent or guardian, either upon the application or upon a separate form, that the information stated thereon is true.

(Ord. 45-88. Passed 6-14-88.)

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