

ARTICLE IV. BICYCLES*

*State law references: Authority of city to regulate operation of bicycles, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-710(8); provisions of state law adopted by section 42-1 regulating bicyclists, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-3410 et seq.

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 42-101. Tires.

Every bicycle used on the streets and other public places of the city shall have a sufficient tread upon its tires to prevent unnecessary skidding and assist in control of the bicycle when stopping and turning.

(Code 1980, § 22-65)

Sec. 42-102. Riding on certain sidewalks prohibited.

No person shall ride a bicycle, skateboard or similar device or use roller skates on any sidewalk within the city, except where the posted speed limit is in excess of 25 miles per hour on the adjacent street. In no event, shall any person ride a bicycle, skateboard or similar device or use roller skates on any sidewalk located within the following districts as designated upon the comprehensive zoning map of the city: Central business district (CBD); planned shopping center (PSC); and shopping centers located in neighborhood business districts (NB).

(Code 1980, § 22-66)

Cross references: Streets and sidewalks, ch. 36.

Sec. 42-103. Parking.

Bicycles shall be parked in a position which least obstructs pedestrian traffic between the curbing and the sidewalk. In locations where bicycle racks are provided, they shall be utilized. Where there is no curbing or no sidewalk, bicycles shall be parked off any roadway, street or path in a manner that will not obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic. In the downtown area and where there is no space between the curbing and the sidewalk, bicycles shall be parked on the sidewalk and as close to the curb as possible.

(Code 1980, § 22-67)

Secs. 42-104--42-120. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. LICENSE*

*State law references: Authority of city to regulate licensing of bicycles, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-710(8).

Sec. 42-121. Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person within the limits of the city, except a transient, to ride or propel a bicycle on any street or other public way, unless the bicycle is currently licensed pursuant to the provisions of this division.

(Code 1980, § 22-73)

Sec. 42-122. Application.

Application for a bicycle license shall be made upon a form provided by the city and shall be made to the director of public safety.

(Code 1980, § 22-74)

Sec. 42-123. Inspection prerequisite to issuance.

The director of public safety, or a public safety officer assigned such responsibility by such director, shall inspect each bicycle before licensing the bicycle and shall refuse a license for any bicycle which he determines is in unsafe mechanical condition.

(Code 1980, § 22-75)

Sec. 42-124. Fee.

A fee, in such amount as is prescribed by ordinance, shall be paid to the city before a bicycle license or renewal thereof is granted. Any ordinance prescribing such fee is hereby recognized as continuing in full force and effect to the same extent as if set out at length in this section.

(Code 1980, § 22-76)

Sec. 42-125. Issuance; display of plate.

The director of public safety, upon receiving proper application therefor and subject to the other provisions of this division, is authorized to issue a bicycle license and license plate. It shall be unlawful for any person, except a transient, to ride a bicycle on any street in the city, unless such license plate is displayed thereon in a manner prescribed by the director of public safety.

(Code 1980, § 22-77)

Sec. 42-126. Removal of plate generally.

No person shall remove a license plate from a bicycle during the period for which issued except upon a transfer of ownership, or in the event the bicycle is dismantled and no longer operated upon any street in the city.

(Code 1980, § 22-78)

Sec. 42-127. Removal of plate upon transfer of ownership.

Upon the sale or other transfer of ownership of a licensed bicycle, the licensee shall remove the license plate and shall notify the director of public safety.

(Code 1980, § 22-79)

Sec. 42-128. Expiration and renewal.

A bicycle license shall expire on July 1 of the third year following its issuance. Upon the expiration of such license, the license may be renewed upon application and payment of the same fee as for an original application.

(Code 1980, § 22-80)

Sec. 42-129. Records to be kept.

The director of public safety shall keep a record of the number of each bicycle license issued, the date issued, the name and address of the person to whom issued and the number on the frame of the bicycle for which issued, and a record of all bicycle license fees collected by him.

(Code 1980, § 22-81)

Secs. 42-130--42-150. Reserved.