

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 4-1. Riding on sidewalks prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for anyone to ride a bicycle, skateboard or moped on any sidewalk in the city. It shall also be unlawful for anyone to in-line or roller skate on Front Street sidewalks between King and Queen Street.

(Code 1964, § 6-1; Ord. of 5-15-97)

Sec. 4-2. Riding on roadways and bicycle paths.

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

(b) Persons riding bicycles or mopeds 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.

(Code 1964, § 6-4)

State law references: Similar provisions, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-3430.

Sec. 4-3. Riding on bicycles; occupants.

A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or 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.

State law references: Similar provisions, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-3440.

Sec. 4-4. Carrying articles.

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

State law references: Similar provisions, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-3460.

Sec. 4-5. Lamps and reflectors on bicycles.

Every bicycle or moped 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 which shall be visible from all distances from fifty (50) feet to three hundred (300) feet to the rear when directly in front of the lawful upper beams of headlights on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light

visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear maybe used in addition to the red reflector.

(Code 1964, § 6-5)

State law references: Similar provisions, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-3470.

Sec. 4-6. Warning devices.

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

(Code 1964, § 6-5)

State law references: Similar provisions, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-3480.

Sec. 4-7. Brake.

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

State law references: Similar provisions, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-3490.

Secs. 4-8--4-20. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. REGISTRATION

Sec. 4-21. Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle or moped in the city unless such bicycle is registered and tagged as herein provided.

(Code 1964, § 6-17; Ord. No. 1974-8, § 1, 8-15-74)

Sec. 4-22. Issuance of tags; duplicate tags; renewal.

The registration of bicycles and mopeds, as required by this article, shall be made by filing with the police department the name, age and address of the owner, together with a complete description of the bicycle on forms provided by such department. Registrations will be kept, and license tags shall be permanent at no cost to the owner. Registrations shall be permanent or until the sale or transfer of ownership. Registrations shall be serially numbered and kept on file in the police department as a public record. Upon such registration, the police department shall cause an identification tag to be affixed to the registered bicycle, serially numbered to correspond with the registration number. Such

tag shall remain affixed to the bicycle unless removed by the police department for cause or for retagging upon registration. No person shall willfully remove, deface or destroy any identification tag.

(Code 1964, § 6-18; Ord. No. 1974-8, § 2, 8-15-74; Ord. of 6-20-91)

Sec. 4-23. Unsafe equipment, unlawful operation warrants suspension.

No bicycle shall be registered under this article which is in an unsafe mechanical condition. The chief of police shall have authority to suspend the registration of, and remove the identification tag from any bicycle operated contrary to any state law or city ordinance, or operated while in unsafe mechanical condition. Such suspension and removal shall continue for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) days, providing that such registration shall not be reinstated or such identification tag be replaced while such bicycle is in unsafe mechanical condition. Such suspension and removal shall be in addition to other penalties provided.

(Code 1964, § 6-19; Ord. No. 1974-8, § 3, 8-15-74)

Sec. 4-24. Change in ownership.

Within ten (10) days after any bicycle or moped registered under this article shall have changed ownership, or been dismantled or taken out of operation, the person in whose name the bicycle has been registered shall report such information to the police department. In case of change of ownership, the registration shall thereupon be changed to show the name of the new owner. In case of dismantling and taking out of operation, the registration shall be canceled and identification tag destroyed.

(Code 1964, § 6-20; Ord. No. 1974-8, § 4, 8-15-74)

Sec. 4-25. Penalty.

Any person operating an unlicensed or unregistered bicycle or moped, or who operates a registered bicycle in a manner considered dangerous to self, others or property, or violates any provisions of this article, shall be subject to punishment as provided in section 1-16 of this Code.

(Code 1964, § 6-21; Ord. No. 1974-8, § 5, 8-15-74)