

ARTICLE VI. BICYCLES

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 78-396. Use without permission.

Whoever knowingly and willfully shall take and use any bicycle or other vehicle not defined in state law, without the consent of the owner thereof, but without intent to steal such vehicle, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Code 1987, § 12-18)

Sec. 78-397. Clinging to vehicles.

No person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, sled, roller skates, or any toy vehicle shall attach it or himself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

(Code 1987, § 12-117)

State law references: Similar provisions, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-3450.

Sec. 78-398. Impoundment.

Any bicycle operated by the owner or other person lawfully in custody thereof in violation of this article may be, by any police officer, ordered removed from the streets and impounded until the ownership of the bicycle can be verified, provided that such period of impoundment cannot exceed 30 days. The person operating such bicycle in violation of this article shall not be permitted to operate the bicycle on the streets for a period not exceeding 30 days in the discretion of the municipal judge.

(Code 1987, § 12-136)

Secs. 78-399--78-425. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. OPERATION

Sec. 78-426. Applicability on highways, bicycle paths.

The sections of this article applicable to bicycles shall apply whenever a bicycle is operated upon any highway or upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, subject to those exceptions stated in this article.

(Code 1987, § 12-113)

State law references: Similar provisions, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-3410.

Sec. 78-427. Application of traffic laws.

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 by this chapter, except as to special regulations in this article and except as to those sections of this chapter which by their nature can have no application.

(Code 1987, § 12-114)

State law references: Similar provisions, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-3420.

Sec. 78-428. Riding on roadways and 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 proceeding in the same direction.

(b) Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast, except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

(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.

(Code 1987, § 12-115)

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

Sec. 78-429. Seat and passengers.

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.

(Code 1987, § 12-116)

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

Sec. 78-430. Carrying articles.

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

(Code 1987, § 12-118)

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

Sec. 78-431. Lamps.

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 500 feet and shall be visible from all distances from 50 feet to 300 feet to the rear when directly in front of the lawful upper beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

(Code 1987, § 12-119)

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

Sec. 78-432. Bells or other audible 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 100 feet, except that a bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use any siren or whistle upon a bicycle.

(Code 1987, § 12-120)

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

Sec. 78-433. 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.

(Code 1987, § 12-121)

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

Sec. 78-434. Riding on sidewalks.

It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle, skateboard, or like vehicle along or across any sidewalk within the B-1 business zone of the city; provided, however, it shall be lawful to ride a nonmotorized bicycle on those sidewalks incorporated into the city bike path network. Within the remaining area of the city, a person riding a bicycle or like vehicle along or across any sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians on the sidewalk.

(Code 1987, § 12-123; Ord. No. 1011, § 12-123, 9-8-1992)

Secs. 78-435--78-460. Reserved.

ARTICLE VII. PEDESTRIANS

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 78-461. Subject to traffic control signals.

Pedestrians shall be subject to traffic control signals at intersections, as provided in sections 78-48 and 78-49, but at all other places pedestrians shall be accorded the privileges and shall be subject to the restrictions as stated in this article.

(Code 1987, § 12-102)

State law references: Similar provisions, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-3110.

Sec. 78-462. Right-of-way in crosswalks.

(a) When traffic control signals are not in place or not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk, when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger. No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield. This subsection shall not apply under the conditions stated in subsection 78-464(b).

(b) Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.

(Code 1987, § 12-103)

State law references: Similar provisions, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-3130.

Sec. 78-463. Use the right half of crosswalk.

Pedestrians shall move, whenever practicable, upon the right half of crosswalks.

(Code 1987, § 12-104)

State law references: Similar provisions, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-3140.

Sec. 78-464. Crossing at other than crosswalks.

(a) Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

(b) Any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead

pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

(c) Between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation, pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.

(Code 1987, § 12-105)

State law references: Similar provisions, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-3150.

Sec. 78-465. Walking on roadways.

Where sidewalks are provided, it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway. Where sidewalks are not provided, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall walk only on the left side of the roadway, as near as practicable to the edge of such roadway or its shoulder, facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction.

(Code 1987, § 12-106)

State law references: Similar provisions, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-3160.

Sec. 78-466. Soliciting rides.

No person shall stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the driver of any vehicle.

(Code 1987, § 12-107)

State law references: Similar provisions, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-3180(a).

Sec. 78-467. Drivers to exercise due care.

Notwithstanding other sections of this article, every driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian upon any roadway, shall give warning by sounding the horn when necessary, and shall exercise proper precaution upon observing any child or any confused or incapacitated person upon a roadway.

(Code 1987, § 12-112)

Secs. 78-468--78-495. Reserved.