

ARTICLE IV. BICYCLES AND PLAY VEHICLES*

*Editor's note: Ord. No. 96-7, adopted April 9, 1996, repealed the former Art. IV, §§ 13-335--13-338, which pertained to similar subject matter and derived from Code 1974, §§ 19-138--19-141.

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 13-335. Circumstances under which these bicycle regulations apply.

These regulations 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 herein.

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96)

Sec. 13-336. 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 vehicle by this chapter, except as to special regulations in this article and except as to those provisions of this chapter which by their nature can have no application.

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96)

Sec. 13-337. Riding on roadways and bicycle 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 (2) 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.

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96)

Sec. 13-338. 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.

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96)

Sec. 13-339. Clinging to vehicles.

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

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96)

Sec. 13-340. Carrying articles.

No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the rider from keeping at least one (1) hand upon the handlebars.

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96)

Sec. 13-341. Reflectors on bicycles.

Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with a reflector on the front, which shall be visible from a distance of at least fifty (50) feet to 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) to three hundred (300) feet to the rear when directly in front of the lawful upper beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96)

Sec. 13-342. Brake on bicycle.

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

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96)

Sec. 13-343. Use of coasters, roller skates, skateboards or similar devices restricted.

No person upon roller skates or riding in or by means of any coaster, skateboard, toy vehicle or similar device, shall go upon any roadway except while crossing a street on a crosswalk and except upon streets set aside as play streets.

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96)

Sec. 13-344. Riding bicycles, etc., on sidewalk.

It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle or like vehicle along or across any sidewalk within the corporate limits of the city.

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96)

Cross references: Streets and sidewalks, Ch. 24.

Sec. 13-345. Skating on cement sidewalk.

It shall be unlawful for any person to use roller skates or a skateboard for skating on any of the cement sidewalks or paved streets within the corporate limits of the city, except such area as may be designated from time to time by the police department.

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96)

Sec. 13-346. Violation of article a misdemeanor.

It is a misdemeanor for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required in this article.

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96)

State law references: Similar provisions, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-3500.

DIVISION 2. REGISTRATION OF BICYCLES

Sec. 13-347. Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or use a bicycle propelled wholly or in part by muscular power upon any of the streets, alleys, or public highways of the city without first obtaining a certificate of registration from the police department and attaching to such bicycle a metallic or other suitable registration plate.

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96)

Sec. 13-348. Fee.

The registration fee to be paid for each bicycle registered shall be established and from time to time modified by action of city council. Once a bicycle has been registered in a given name the registration thereon may be transferred from one (1) owner to another without the payment of an additional fee. The fee above required shall cover all charges incident to registering and issuance of registration plates and cards. All fees collected shall be turned over to the city finance director and accounted for in the same manner as other general fund revenue.

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96; Ord. No. 001-20, 8-28-01)

Sec. 13-349. City to provide plates, seals, and cards.

The city shall provide metallic or other suitable registration plates or seals, together with registration cards to those persons who have presented proof, satisfactory to the police department, of their ownership of the bicycle.

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96)

Sec. 13-350. Police to verify that plates are attached and corresponding cards issued.

It shall be the duty of the police department to see that the metallic or suitable registration plate provided for in this chapter is attached to the frame of each bicycle and to issue a corresponding registration card to the owner of such bicycle upon payment of the registration fee herein required.

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96)

Sec. 13-351. Numbering, design, and identification of plates and cards.

Metallic or other suitable registration plates and registration cards are to be numbered in numerical order beginning with number one (1), the design and identification lettering thereon to be approved by the chief of police.

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96)

Sec. 13-352. Police to keep permanent register.

The police department shall keep a permanent register in which shall be entered the name, address, and age of the owner of each registered bicycle, the date of registration, and sufficient information to identify such bicycle.

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96)

Sec. 13-353. Plates to be attached during operation within city.

The metallic registration plate provided for in this chapter shall remain attached to the bicycle for which it was issued during the period such bicycle is operated within the city.

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96)

Sec. 13-354. Transfer of ownership.

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or transfer ownership of any bicycle without

reporting to the police department within forty-eight (48) hours from the time thereof, full and complete information relative to such transfer, so that such bicycle may be registered in the name of the transferee. The purchaser or transferee of any such bicycle shall apply for a transfer of registration therefor within five (5) days from the time the same is acquired by him.

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96)

Sec. 13-355. Reports required from secondhand dealers.

All persons engaged in the business of buying secondhand bicycles or any parts of secondhand bicycles, are hereby required to report to the police department of the city after acquiring any secondhand bicycle or parts thereof, such report to include the registration number of such bicycle, a description of each bicycle acquired and the frame number thereof, together with the name and address of the person from whom the same was acquired. In case of the purchase of any parts of bicycles, the report shall describe each part and give the name and address of the person from whom the same was acquired. This report should be done on a weekly basis.

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96)

Sec. 13-356. Mutilation, etc., of plates, numbers, and cards.

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully or maliciously remove, destroy, mutilate, or alter the number of any bicycle frame registered pursuant to this chapter. It shall also be unlawful for any person to willfully or maliciously remove, destroy, mutilate, or alter any registration plate or registration card issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter during the time in which such registration card or plate is in effect; provided, however, that nothing in this chapter shall prohibit the police department from stamping a number on the frame of the bicycle on which no serial number can be found or on which such number is illegible or insufficient for identification purposes.

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96)

Sec. 13-357. Impounding.

Any bicycle operated by the owner or other person lawfully in custody thereof in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter may be, by any police officers of the city, ordered removed from the streets of the city and impounded until the ownership of the bicycle can be verified; provided, that such period of impoundment cannot exceed thirty (30) days. The person operating the same in violation of this chapter shall not be permitted to operate the bicycle on the streets of the city for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days in the discretion of the recorder.

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96)

Sec. 13-358. Violation of division a misdemeanor.

It is a misdemeanor for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required in this division.

(Ord. No. 96-7, 4-9-96)

Secs. 13-359, 13-360. Reserved.