

ARTICLE XI. OPERATION OF BICYCLES AND MOTORCYCLES*

*State law references: Bicycles, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-3410 et seq.

Sec. 34-516. Manner of riding.

The operator of a bicycle or motorcycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto, nor shall any passenger ride upon the handlebars, frame or tank of any such vehicle or other than upon a firmly attached passenger seat.

(Code 1962, § 9-153)

Sec. 34-517. Riding more than two abreast prohibited.

Persons operating bicycles or motorcycles upon a roadway shall ride not more than two abreast.

(Code 1962, § 9-154)

Sec. 34-518. Carrying articles.

No person operating a bicycle or motorcycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the rider from keeping both hands upon the handlebars.

(Code 1962, § 9-155)

Sec. 34-519. Use of coasters or toy vehicles on roadways.

No person riding in or by means of any coaster, toy vehicle or similar device shall go upon any roadway except when crossing a street on a crosswalk.

(Code 1962, § 9-156)

Sec. 34-520. Skating on roadway and sidewalks.

No person shall skate on any roadway or sidewalk, except those areas designated as skating zones by the department of traffic and transportation.

(Code 1962, § 9-157)

Sec. 34-521. Clinging to vehicles.

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

(Code 1962, § 9-158)

Sec. 34-522. Applicability 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 provisions of this chapter which by their nature can have no application.

(Code 1962, § 9-159)

Sec. 34-523. Lighting equipment required; standards.

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 to the front and with a red reflector on the rear which 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 1962, § 9-160)

Sec. 34-524. Bells.

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 upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.

(Code 1962, § 9-161)

Sec. 34-525. Brakes.

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

(Code 1962, § 9-162)

Sec. 34-526. Manner of parking.

No person shall park a bicycle upon a street other than upon the roadway against the curb or upon the sidewalk in a rack to support the bicycle or against a building or at the curb, in such manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic.

(Code 1962, § 9-163)

Sec. 34-527. Riding on sidewalks.

No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk, unless the sidewalk is designated for bicycle use by proper sign and markings by the department of traffic and transportation.

(Code 1962, § 9-164)

Secs. 34-528--34-550. Reserved.