

Chapter 8 BICYCLES*

*Cross references: Motor vehicles and traffic, ch. 18; streets, sidewalks and other public places, ch. 26.

State law references: Bicycles generally, S.C. Code 1976, §§ 56-5-3410--56-5-3500.

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Sec. 8-1. Registration.

Every person owning and operating a bicycle may register the bicycle with the police department.

(Code 1981, § 7-1)

Sec. 8-2. Applicability of traffic regulations.

Every person propelling or riding a bicycle upon a street or public highway shall be

subject to all provisions of this Code applicable to the operator of any vehicle, except those provisions which by their nature would have no application.

(Code 1981, § 7-2)

Sec. 8-3. Operation on sidewalks, in commercial areas or in parks.

No bicycle shall be operated upon any public sidewalk in the business district, in any congested commercial area, or upon any pedestrian paths in the public parks unless specifically designated for bicycle use.

(Code 1981, § 7-3)

Sec. 8-4. Stop at arterial highways and traffic signals.

Every person operating a bicycle upon a street or public highway shall stop for all arterial highways and automatic traffic signals.

(Code 1981, § 7-4)

Sec. 8-5. Stop when emerging from alley or driveway.

The operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley or private driveway shall stop such bicycle immediately prior to moving on to the sidewalk or sidewalk area extending across the path of such bicycle.

(Code 1981, § 7-5)

Sec. 8-6. Speed limit.

The speed limit in the city for all bicycles shall be not exceeding ten miles per hour within the fire district described in section 10-65, and 20 miles per hour elsewhere within the city, unless participating in an authorized race.

(Code 1981, § 7-6)

Sec. 8-7. Riding abreast.

Persons operating bicycles upon a street shall ride not more than two abreast, except that this limitation shall not apply on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

(Code 1981, § 7-7)

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

Sec. 8-8. Use of righthand side of street.

Every bicycle, when operated on a street or public highway, shall be kept as close to the righthand curb as possible.

(Code 1981, § 7-8)

Sec. 8-9. Speed or endurance contests.

No person operating a bicycle upon a street or public highway shall participate in any race, speed or endurance contest with any other vehicle, except incident to an officially sanctioned and scheduled event.

(Code 1981, § 7-9)

Sec. 8-10. Acrobatic riding.

No rider of a bicycle shall remove both hands from the handlebars, or feet from the pedals, or practice acrobatic or fancy riding on any street or public highway, unless participating in an authorized exhibition.

(Code 1981, § 7-10)

Sec. 8-11. Lights.

Every bicycle operated upon the streets and public highways of the city during any of the time between one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise shall be equipped with a light firmly attached or affixed on the front of such vehicle, 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 50 feet to 300 feet to the rear when directly in front of the lawful upper beams of headlights on a motor vehicle. A light emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

(Code 1981, § 7-11)

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

Sec. 8-12. Brakes.

Every bicycle, when operated upon a street or public highway, shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement. Such brake shall be maintained in good working order at all times.

(Code 1981, § 7-12)

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

Sec. 8-13. Horns and bells.

Every bicycle, when operated upon a street or public highway, shall be equipped with a bell or other device in good working order, capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of not less than 100 feet. It shall be unlawful for any bicycle to be equipped with a siren or whistle, or to use any such bell or horn otherwise than as a reasonable warning to other users of the street or highway.

(Code 1981, § 7-13)

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

ARTICLE VIII. PEDESTRIANS

Sec. 18-331. Obedience to traffic control devices.

(a) A pedestrian shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device specifically applicable to him unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

(b) Pedestrians shall be subject to traffic and pedestrian control signals as provided in S.C. Code 1976, §§ 56-5-970 and 56-5-990.

(c) At all other places, pedestrians shall be accorded the privileges and shall be subject to the restrictions stated in this chapter.

(Code 1981, § 19-227)

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

Sec. 18-332. Right-of-way of pedestrians 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 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.

(b) 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 as to constitute an immediate hazard.

(c) Subsection (a) of this section shall not apply under the conditions stated in section 18-333(b).

(d) Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at 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 1981, § 19-228)

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

Sec. 18-333. Crossing roadway at places other than crosswalk; crossing intersection diagonally.

(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.

(d) No pedestrian shall cross a roadway intersection diagonally unless authorized by official traffic control devices, and when authorized to cross diagonally pedestrians shall cross only in accordance with the official traffic control devices pertaining to such crossing movements.

(Code 1981, § 19-229)

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

Sec. 18-334. Pedestrians to use right half of crosswalk.

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

(Code 1981, § 19-230)

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

Sec. 18-335. Soliciting rides, business or contributions on or near street or highway.

(a) No person shall stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride.

(b) No person shall stand on a highway for the purpose of soliciting employment, business or contributions from the occupant of any vehicle.

(c) No person shall stand on or in proximity to a street or highway for the purpose of soliciting the watching or guarding of any vehicle while parked or about to be parked on a street or highway.

(Code 1981, § 19-231)

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