

## ARTICLE VI. BICYCLES\*

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\*State law references: Bicyclists and users of play vehicles, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-3410 et seq.; authority of municipalities to regulate the operation of bicycles, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-710(8).

### DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

#### Sec. 42-201. Registration.

Every person owning and operating a bicycle may register the bicycle with the police department, obtain a license tag therefor and a handbook, and pay the currently required registration fee.

(Code 1977, § 5-1)

Secs. 42-202--42-230. Reserved.

### DIVISION 2. EQUIPMENT

#### Sec. 42-231. Lights.

Every bicycle operated upon the streets and public highways of the city during any of the times between one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise shall be equipped with a lamp firmly attached or affixed on the front of such vehicle, exhibiting 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 beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle.

(Code 1977, § 5-16)

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

#### Sec. 42-232. 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 1977, § 5-17)

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

Sec. 42-233. Horns and bells.

Every bicycle, when operated upon a street or public highway within the city, shall be equipped with a horn or bell in good working order, capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions 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 1977, § 5-18)

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

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DIVISION 3. OPERATION

Sec. 42-266. Application of traffic regulations.

Every person propelling or riding a bicycle upon a street or public highway shall be subject to all provisions of this chapter applicable to the operator of any vehicle, except those provisions which by their nature would have no application.

(Code 1977, § 5-30)

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

Sec. 42-267. Operation on sidewalks and paths.

No bicycle, in-line skates or skateboards 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.

(Code 1977, § 5-31)

Cross references: Streets, sidewalks and public places, ch. 38.

Sec. 42-268. Stops 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 1977, § 5-32)

Sec. 42-269. Stop required when crossing sidewalk.

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

the path of such bicycle.

(Code 1977, § 5-33)

Sec. 42-270. Speed limit.

The speed limit in the city for all bicycles shall be not exceeding ten miles per hour within the business district or commercial district and 25 miles per hour elsewhere within the city.

(Code 1977, § 5-34)

Sec. 42-271. Operation in single file; riding abreast.

Every person, when operating a bicycle upon a street, shall ride such bicycle in single file only and at no time shall bicycles be operated two or more abreast.

(Code 1977, § 5-35)

Sec. 42-272. Use of right-hand side of street.

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

(Code 1977, § 5-36)

Sec. 42-273. 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.

(Code 1977, § 5-37)

Sec. 42-274. 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, within the city.

(Code 1977, § 5-38)

Sec. 42-275. 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.

(Code 1977, § 5-39)

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

Secs. 42-276--42-300. Reserved.

--42-265. Reserved.