

Chapter 10.08 – BICYCLES ¹

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10.08.010 Regulations applicability and effect.

- A. It is unlawful for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required herein.
- B. The parent of any child and the guardian of any ward shall not authorize or knowingly permit any such child or ward to violate any of the provisions of this chapter.
- C. These regulations applicable to bicycles shall apply whenever a bicycle is operated upon any public thoroughfare or public path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. (Prior code §10-1-1).

10.08.020 License and plate–Required.

It is unlawful for any person, residing in the municipality, to ride or propel a bicycle on a any public thoroughfare unless such bicycle has been licensed and a license plate is attached thereto. (Prior code §10-1-2).

10.08.030 License and plate–Application–Fee.

Application for a bicycle license and license plate shall be made to the clerk. A fee of one dollar per year shall be paid before such license is issued. (Prior code §10-1-3).

10.08.040 License–Issuance conditions–Expiration–Records required.

- A. The clerk upon receiving proper application therefore is authorized to issue a bicycle license which shall be effective until the end of the calendar year.
- B. The clerk shall not issue a license for any bicycle when he knows the applicant is not the owner of or entitled to the possession of such bicycle.
- C. The clerk shall keep a record of the number of each license, the date issued, the a name and address of the person to whom issued, the number on the frame of the bicycle and a record of all bicycle license fees collected. (Prior code §10-1-4)

10.08.050 Plate–Issuance–Attachment required–Removal prohibited when.

- A. The clerk upon issuing a license shall also issue a license plate bearing the license number assigned to the bicycle which shall include the name of the municipality and the calendar year.
- B. Each license plate shall be firmly attached to the bicycle in such a position as to be plainly visible.
- C. It is unlawful for any person to remove a license plate from a bicycle during the period for which issued except upon a transfer of ownership or in the event the bicycle is dismantled. (Prior code §10-1-5).

10.08.060 Inspection prerequisite to licensing.

The clerk shall inspect each bicycle before licensing the same and shall refuse a license for any bicycle which he determines is in unsafe mechanical condition. (Prior code §10-1-6).

10.08.070 Transfer of ownership–Procedure.

Upon the sale or transfer of a licensed bicycle the licensee shall remove the plate and shall either surrender the same to the clerk or may upon proper application, but without payment of an additional fee, have said plate assigned to another bicycle owned by the applicant. (Prior code §10-1-7).

10.08.080 Rental agency requirement.

A rental agency shall not rent or offer any bicycle for rent unless the bicycle is licensed and a license plate is attached thereto. (Prior code §10-1-8).

10.08.090 Traffic laws–Applicability.

Every person riding a bicycle shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle except as to those provisions of law which by their nature can have no application. (Prior code §10-1-9).

10.08.100 Traffic control devices–Obedience required.

- A. Any person operating a bicycle shall obey the instructions of official traffic control signs, signals and other control devices applicable to vehicles unless otherwise directed by a police officer.
- B. Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right, left or U turn is permitted, it is unlawful for any person operating a bicycle to disobey the direction of any such sign, except where a person dismounts from the bicycle to make such turn in which event such person shall then obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians. (Prior §10-1-10)

10.08.110 Riding–Restrictions generally.

- A. A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.
- 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 such.
- C. Whenever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a roadway, bicycle riders shall use such path. (Prior code §10-1-11)

10.08.120 Speed limit.

It is unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing. (Prior code §10-1-12).

10.08.130 Yield right-of-way when.

The operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on said sidewalk and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on said roadway. (Prior code §10-1-13)

10.08.140 Clinging to vehicles prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person riding Upon any bicycle to attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon any public thoroughfare. (Prior code §10-1-14).

10.08.150 Carrying articles–Restrictions.

It is unlawful for any person operating a bicycle to carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the rider from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars. (Prior code §10-1-15).

10.08.160 Parking restrictions.

It is unlawful for any person to park a bicycle in such a manner as to interfere or obstruct pedestrian traffic. (Prior code §10-1-16).

10.08.170 Riding–Sidewalk limitations.

- A. It is unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district.
- B. The clerk is authorized to erect signs on any sidewalk or roadway prohibiting the riding of bicycles thereon and when such signs are in place it is unlawful for any person to disobey the same. (Prior code §10-1-17).

10.08.180 Lamps and other equipment required.

- A. 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 five hundred feet to the front and a red reflector on the rear of a type which shall be visible from all distances from fifty feet to three hundred feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.
- B. It is unlawful for any person to 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 one hundred feet, except that a bicycle shall not be equipped with any siren or whistle.
- C. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement. (Prior code §10-1-18).

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(1)For statutory provisions concerning regulations relating to bicycles, see Idaho Code 49-739 to 49-745.