

CHAPTER 6

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ARTICLE I. BICYCLES

Sec. 6-1. Reports by dealers, vendors, etc.; of sale, etc.

A. All persons engaged in the business of buying secondhand bicycles are required to make a report to the police department of each such purchase, giving the name and address of the person from whom each bicycle is purchased, the description of each bicycle purchased, the frame number thereof. All persons engaged in the business of selling new or secondhand bicycles are required to make a report to the police department giving a list of all sales made, which shall include the name and address of each person to whom sold and the kind of bicycle sold, together with a description and the frame number thereof. Such reports shall be made within twenty-four (24) hours from the date of the sale.

B. Every person who sells or transfers ownership of any bicycle shall report such sale or transfer to the police department giving a description of the bicycle and the frame number thereon together with the name and address of the person to whom such bicycle was sold or transferred; such report shall be made within five (5) days of the date of such sale or transfer.

(Code 1977, § 7-1, 7-2; Ord. No. 11798, § 1, 10-6-92)

Sec. 6-2. Riders to observe all traffic laws.

Every person riding or operating a bicycle on any street, alley or public place in the city shall be subject to all provisions of the laws of the state and this Code and other ordinances of the city applicable to drivers of vehicles, except the provisions thereof that by their very nature can have no application.

(Code 1977, § 7-8; Ord. No. 11798, § 1, 10-6-92)

State law reference - Similar provisions, RSMo. § 307.188.

Sec. 6-3. Lights and reflectors.

Every bicycle and motorized bicycle when in use on a street or highway during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise shall be equipped with the following:

- A. A front-facing lamp on the front or carried by the rider which shall emit a white light visible at night under normal atmospheric conditions on a straight, level, unlighted roadway at five hundred (500) feet;
- B. A rear-facing red reflector, at least two (2) square inches in reflective surface area, on the rear which shall be visible at night under normal atmospheric conditions on a straight, level, unlighted roadway when viewed by a vehicle driver under the lower beams of vehicle headlights at six hundred (600) feet.
- C. Essentially colorless or amber reflectors on both the front and rear surfaces of all pedals. Each pedal reflector shall be recessed below the plane of the pedal or reflector housing. Each reflector shall be at least ninety one-hundredths (0.90) square inches in projected effective reflex area, and must be visible at night under normal atmospheric conditions on a straight, level, unlighted roadway when viewed by a vehicle driver under the lawful lower beams of vehicle headlights at two hundred (200) feet; and
- D. A side-facing essentially colorless or amber reflector visible on each side of the wheel

mounted on the wheel spokes of the front wheel within three (3) inches of the inside of the wheel rim and a side-facing essentially colorless or red reflector mounted on the wheel spokes of the rear wheel within three (3) inches of the inside of the wheel rim, or continuous retroreflective material on each side of both tires which shall be at least three-sixteenths of an inch wide. All such reflectors or retroreflective tire sidewalls shall be visible at night under normal atmospheric conditions on a straight, level, unlighted roadway when viewed by a vehicle driver under the lawful lower beams of vehicle headlights at three hundred (300) feet. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to motorized bicycles which comply with National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration regulations relating to reflectors on motorized bicycles.

(Ord. No. 11798, § 1, 10-6-92)

State law reference - Similar provisions, RSMo. § 307.185.

Sec. 6-4. Riding with two (2) or more persons.

No person shall operate or ride on any bicycle upon the streets, alleys or public highways in the city with two (2) or more persons upon the same bicycle; provided, that this restriction shall not apply to tandem bicycles or other bicycles equipped for two (2) or more riders; and no person shall be permitted to operate a bicycle with the passenger in front of the operator.

(Code 1977, § 7-4; Ord. No. 11798, § 1, 10-6-92)

Sec. 6-5. Clinging to vehicles.

No person, while riding or operating a bicycle on any street, alley or public highway in the city, shall hold on to any other vehicle.

(Code 1977, § 7-5; Ord. No. 11798, § 1, 10-6-92)

Sec. 6-6. Duty to travel in single file.

It shall be unlawful for two (2) or more operators of bicycles to travel abreast on any street, alley or public place in the city or to operate such bicycles on traffic lanes otherwise than in single file.

(Code 1977, § 7-6; Ord. No. 11798, § 1, 10-6-92)

Sec. 6-7. Riders to keep to right.

Every person riding or operating a bicycle on any street, alley or public place in the city shall keep his bicycle on the extreme right of the traffic lane.

(Code 1977, § 7-7; Ord. No. 11798, § 1, 10-6-92)

State law reference - Similar provisions, RSMo. § 307.190.

Sec. 6-8. Racing.

It shall be unlawful for any person to run or engage in, or cause to run or to be engaged in, any bicycle race on any street, alley or public place within the corporate limits of the city, except under permit from and supervision of the chief of police of the city, and every bicycle shall be operated with reasonable regard to the safety of the operator and other persons upon the streets and highways of the city.

(Code 1977, § 7-9; Ord. No. 11798, § 1, 10-6-92)

Sec. 6-9. Riding without consent of owner.

No person shall take any bicycle for the purpose of riding or propelling such bicycle up on the streets or public highways without the consent of the owner.

(Code 1977, § 7-10; Ord. No. 11798, § 1, 10-6-92)

Secs. 6-10 - 6-14. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. SKATEBOARDS.

Sec. 6-15. Defined.

"Skateboard ramps" shall refer to all outdoor structures designed and primarily intended to permit persons on skateboards to move continuously from one side to the other, commonly known as "ramps" or "pipes."
(Ord. No. 11798, § 1, 10-6-92)

Sec. 6-16. Height.

It shall be unlawful to construct, erect, place or maintain a skateboard ramp on any property within the City, which ramp exceeds seven (7) feet in height off of a horizontal plane at the highest point of ground where the structure is immediately erected.
(Ord. No. 11798, § 1, 10-6-92)

Sec. 6-17. Location.

It shall be unlawful to construct, erect, place or maintain a skateboard ramp on any property within the City in the front yard of the property or within ten (10) feet of the property lines in the side or back yards, provided however, if the structure is within ten feet of any side yard or back yard a written consent of the owner whose private property is within the ten feet must be obtained by the "ramp" or "half-pipe" owner within sixty (60) days of time of the encroachment.
(Ord. No. 11798, § 1, 10-6-92)

Sec. 6-18. Building Permit.

A building permit shall be obtained from the Planning and Code Enforcement officer before the construction of any skateboard ramp, provided however, this section shall not apply to "ramps" or "half-pipes" erected as of the effective date of this ordinance.
(Ord. No. 11798, § 1, 10-6-92)

Sec. 6-19. Commercial use in residential districts.

In any residential district, it shall be unlawful to charge or to receive any consideration for the use of a skateboard ramp, or to use or operate a skateboard ramp in any commercial manner.
(Ord. No. 11798, § 1, 10-6-92)

Sec. 6-20. Hours of use in residential areas.

In any residential area in the City, it shall be unlawful to use any skateboard ramp between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of any day.
(Ord. No. 11798, § 1, 10-6-92)

Sec. 6-21. Requirement to secure ramp or half-pipe.

Every property owner of a ramp or half-pipe, when the ramp or half-pipe is not in use, shall maintain and secure the ramp or half-pipe in such a locked manner that effectively prevents any unauthorized use of the ramp or half-pipe.
(Ord. No. 11798, § 1, 10-6-92)

Sec. 6-22. Applicability of provisions; compliance.

In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City, these provisions shall apply to any skateboard ramps constructed, erected, placed or maintained on or after the effective date of this article, and shall also apply to any skateboard ramp in existence as of the effective date of this article although it may have been erected, placed or maintained prior to the effective date of this article, unless modified or exempted in other sections of this article. In the case of an existing skateboard ramp, the owner or property owner upon which the ramp is located shall have a period of thirty (30) days from the effective date of this article to either remove the ramp or bring it in compliance with the provisions of this article.

(Ord. No. 11798, § 1, 10-6-92)

NOTES

¹. **Cross references** - Definitions and rules of construction generally, § 1-2; motor vehicles and traffic, Ch. 19; riding on motorized bicycles, § 19-309; riding bicycle, motorized bicycle or skateboard on sidewalks, § 19-310; motorcycles, bicycles, skateboards in city parks, § 23-1.

State law reference - Bicycles generally, RSMo. § 307.180 et seq.