

CHAPTER 73: BICYCLES

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§ 73.01 PURPOSE.

The purpose of this chapter is to encourage safe bicycling and bicycle touring in and upon the streets and ways of the city and to enable bicycle owners and riders to protect their equipment and to acquaint themselves with the safe manner of operation and to avail themselves of modern techniques to make their presence known to other users of such streets and ways.

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§ 73.02 REGISTRATION AND TRAINING.

(A) Any person owning and/or operating a bicycle upon the streets and ways in the city may at such times and at such locations as hereinafter authorized present his bicycle to the police department for registration and/or may avail himself of a course of instruction relating to the required equipment and safe operation thereof.

(B) The police department, hereinafter referred to as department, is authorized and directed to establish reasonable facilities and qualified personnel to accomplish the purposes and requirements of this chapter.

(C) Registration. The department shall furnish bicycle registration forms, to be completed by the owner, which form shall contain information, including color, type, brand, and frame serial number, sufficient to identify the bicycle and its owner. Such forms shall be retained by the department and shall constitute prima facie evidence of ownership.

The department may provide to such owner evidence of such registration, which evidence may be in the form of a registration certificate card to be carried by the owner or in the form of a plastic license suitable for attachment to the bicycle or both, and such evidence shall contain a numerical listing corresponding to registration records of the department.

(D) Training. The department shall establish suitable facilities and course of training with qualified instructors and to conduct a course of instruction adequate to acquaint bicycle riders with the laws and regulations governing required equipment and method of operation of bicycles.

(1) Such course of instruction shall be at no additional expense

to the city, and the subject matter shall be in accordance with the directive established by this ordinance and/or as otherwise promulgated by the department, and as contained in K.R.S. 1996 S-13 25

Chapter 189 and regulations promulgated by the state department of transportation.

(2) The department shall establish and promulgate a procedure relating to the nature and method of training, length of course training and dates of commencement of such course, which dates and times may vary with the sufficiency of number of participants, who shall be awarded by the department, a certificate of graduation upon their satisfactory completion of such course.

(E) Gifts and contributions. The department is authorized to receive gifts, bequeaths or other funds, public or private, to help finance the activities herein authorized provided, however, that all such moneys shall be deposited with the city treasurer and disbursed in accordance with the directives of the police committee.

(Ord. passed 10-8-74)

§ 73.03 REGULATIONS.

(A) It shall be the duty of all persons operating a bicycle upon any public street, highway or ways in the city:

(1) To ride single file, in a straight line, in the right lane and as near the right hand curb as possible, on all main highways, thoroughfares and in central business sections and when riding on other streets and ways must not ride in groups and more than 2 abreast.

(2) Before slowing, stopping, turning or changing the direction of any bicycle to give a signal, by the extension of the hand to indicate the desired action. In accordance with KRS 189.010, persons making a left turn are required to extend the left arm out horizontally. Right turns shall be indicated by extending the left arm out horizontally and turned upward at the elbow. A stop or slowing of a bicycle shall be indicated by extending either arm out horizontally and turned down at the elbow.

(3) To comply with all vehicle traffic laws, except where such laws, by their nature, do not apply to bicycles, and all vehicle signs and signals erected for the regulation of traffic.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle upon any public street, highway or ways in the city:

(1) Without due regard for the safety of other persons and vehicles lawfully upon such street and ways, as well as for his own safety, and shall at all times and under all conditions yield the right-of-way to pedestrians on the streets, highways, parkways, public places and on crosswalks.

(2) To operate a bicycle during the period of one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise unless such bicycle is equipped with one light in front which will reveal clearly substantial objects at least 50 feet ahead and one red light at the rear of such bicycle

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visibly lighted for at least 500 feet, a red reflector meeting the requirements may be used in lieu of a red light.

(3) To operate a bicycle unless such bicycle is equipped with a horn or bell, or other sound device capable of making an abrupt sound sufficiently loud to be heard over all ordinary traffic conditions, and shall sound such horn or other sound device whenever necessary as the warning of approach of such vehicle to pedestrians or other vehicles, but shall not sound the horn or sound device unnecessarily.

(4) To operate a bicycle that is not equipped with adequate brakes, which are in proper working order.

(5) To attach himself or herself to any other moving vehicle.

(6) To operate a bicycle equipped for carrying only the rider to carry another person on the front or rear frame or handle bar of a bicycle.

(7) To engage in fancy or trick riding and without maintaining full control of such bicycle keeping both hands on the handle bar, except when necessary to signal.

(8) To operate a bicycle upon any sidewalk.
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§ 73.04 ENFORCEMENT.

The Department is given all incidental powers necessary in the strict enforcement of this chapter.

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§ 73.99 PENALTY.

(A) Any person who willfully violates any provisions of § 73.03 shall upon conviction be deemed guilty of a violation and shall be fined not more than \$100.

(B) Upon conviction of violation of this chapter or any other applicable regulation or statute and in lieu of or in addition to any other penalty imposed and upon order of the trial court, such violator shall attend the course of instruction established under the provisions of § 73.02(D)

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