

TITLE VII: TRAFFIC CODE

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BICYCLES

§ 73.01 DEFINITION.

For the purpose of this Subchapter, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

(A) **BICYCLE.** Every device propelled solely by human power upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels, except scooters and similar devices, and including any device generally recognized as a **BICYCLE** though equipped with two front or rear wheels.

§ 73.02 TRAFFIC LAWS APPLY.

Every person riding a bicycle upon a street or upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this Chapter, except as to special regulations in this Chapter and except as to those provisions of this Chapter which by their nature can have no application.

§ 73.03 MANNER AND NUMBER RIDING.

(A) It is unlawful for any person propelling a bicycle to ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.

(B) No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped, except on a baby seat attached to the bicycle, provided that the seat is equipped with a harness to hold the child securely in the seat and that protection is provided against the child's feet hitting the spokes of the wheel or in a seat attached to the bicycle operator.

§ 73.04 HITCHING RIDES.

It is unlawful for any person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, roller blades, skate board, sled, or toy vehicle to attach the same or themselves to any vehicle upon a street.

§ 73.05 WHERE TO RIDE.

(A) Every person operating a bicycle upon a street shall ride as near to the right side of the street as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

(B) Persons riding bicycles upon a street shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of streets set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

§ 73.06 RIGHT-OF-WAY; SIDEWALKS.

Whenever a person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, the person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing the pedestrian.

§ 73.07 CARRYING ARTICLES.

It is unlawful for any person operating a bicycle to carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars.

§ 73.08 LIGHTING AND BRAKE EQUIPMENT.

(A) Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with, or its operator shall carry, a lamp on the front 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 of a type approved by the Department of Public Safety which is visible from all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector. No person may, at any other time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the highway at a distance of 500 feet ahead, operate a bicycle unless the bicycle or its operator is equipped with reflective surfaces that shall be visible during the hours of darkness from 600 feet when viewed in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. The reflective surfaces shall include reflective materials on each side of each pedal to indicate their presence from the front or the rear and with a minimum of 20 square inches on each side of the bicycle or its operator of white reflective material. All reflective materials used in compliance with this Section shall meet the requirements as prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

(B) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

§ 73.09 SALE WITH REFLECTORS.

It is unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale any new bicycle unless it is equipped with such reflectors as are prescribed in § 73.08.

ROLLER BLADES, ROLLER SKATES, AND SKATEBOARDS**§ 73.25 DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this Subchapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

(A) ***BUSINESS DISTRICT.*** That part of the City bounded on the north by the south curbline of Fourth Street, on the south by the north line of the north sidewalk of First Street, on the west by the west curbline of Knight Avenue and on the east by the west curbline of Atlantic Avenue from Fourth Street to Second Street and by the north curbline of Second Street from Atlantic Avenue to Horace Avenue and by the west curbline of Horace Avenue from Second Street to First Street.

(B) ***OPERATE.*** To ride on or upon or control the operation of roller blades, roller skates, or a skateboard.

(C) **OPERATOR.** Every person who operates or is in actual physical control of roller blades, roller skates, or a skateboard.

(D) **ROLLER BLADES/ROLLER SKATES.** A shoe with wheels attached or a device with wheels which is designed to be attached to a shoe.

(E) **SKATEBOARDS.** A device for riding-upon, usually while standing, consisting of an oblong piece of wood, or of other composition, mounted on skate wheels.

§ 73.26 UNLAWFUL ACTS.

(A) It is unlawful for any person to operate roller blades, roller skates, or a skateboard under the circumstances set forth hereafter:

(1) On any public sidewalk, street, or public parking lot within the Business District;

(2) On private property of another without the express permission to do so by the owner or occupant of the property; or

(3) In any careless, reckless, or negligent manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger the safety of any person or property of any other person.

(B) It is unlawful for any person operating roller blades, roller skates, or a skateboard to attach the same, or the person of the operator, to any vehicle upon a street.

(C) Every person operating roller blades, roller skates, or a skateboard upon a street shall ride as close as possible to the right-hand curb or edge of the street.

§ 73.27 RIGHT-OF-WAY.

The operator of roller blades, roller skates, or a skateboard emerging from any alley, driveway, or building upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway shall yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on the sidewalk or sidewalk area and upon entering the street shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the street.

§ 73.28 HOURS OF USE.

It is unlawful for any person to use roller blades, roller skates, or a skateboard upon a public street, sidewalk, or other roadway from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. except on private property with express permission of owner, and except if the roller blades, roller skates, skateboard, or operator are equipped with reflective surfaces that shall be visible during the hours of darkness from 600 feet when viewed in

front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. The reflective material shall be a minimum of 40 square inches. All reflective materials used in compliance with this Section shall meet the requirements as prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

§ 73.29 VIOLATIONS.

A person apprehended by a peace officer in violation of the provisions of this Subchapter does by their use of the public sidewalks, streets, and public parking lots consent to the impoundment by a police officer of the roller blades, roller skates, or skateboard for a period of three days upon a first offense, a week upon the second offense and 30 days upon a third or additional offense. Any operator aggrieved by the impoundment of their roller blades, roller skates or skateboard may petition the Council for a hearing thereon at the next regular Council meeting following the impoundment. This provision is in addition to the provisions for fines and penalties as set forth in this Code.