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**73.01 Application Of Traffic Regulations To Riders; Traffic-Control Devices**

(A) Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of this state declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles or by the traffic ordinances of this city applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations in this chapter and except as to those provisions of laws and ordinances which, by their nature, can have no application.

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

(Code 1965, §§19-204, 19-205; Ord. No. 1447, 6-7-65; Code 1991, §73.01)

**Cross reference(s)**--Penalty, §70.99.

**State law reference(s)**--Use of bicycles or animals, A.C.A. §27-49-111.

**73.02 Required Equipment**

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 500 feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear of a type which shall be visible from all distances from 50 feet to 300 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

(Code 1965, §19-206; Ord. No. 1447, 6-7-65; Code 1991, §73.02)

**Cross reference(s)**--Penalty, §70.99.

**State law reference(s)**--Lamps on bicycle, A.C.A. §27-36-220.

**73.03 Use Of Seat Required; Carrying Excess Passengers**

A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than 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 1965, §19-207; Ord. No. 1447, 6-7-65; Code 1991, §73.03)

**Cross reference(s)**--Penalty, §70.99.

**73.04 Riding On Roadways And Bicycles Paths**

Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right-hand side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one, proceeding in the same direction. 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 bicycles. Whenever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a roadway, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the roadway.

(Code 1965, §19-208; Ord. No. 1447, 6-7-65; Code 1991, §73.04)

**Cross reference(s)**--Penalty, §70.99.

**73.05 Riding On Sidewalks**

No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district, except those sidewalks which run along a collector street or a minor or major arterial street when so designated and marked as a bicycle route. Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

(Code 1965, §19-209; Ord. No. 1447, 6-7-65; Ord. No. 3983, §1, 7-2-96; Code 1991, §73.05)

**Cross reference(s)**--Penalty, §70.99.

**73.06 Speed**

No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.

(Code 1965, §19-210; Ord. No. 1447, 6-7-65; Code 1991, §73.06)

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**Cross reference(s)**--Penalty, §70.99.

### **73.07 Emerging From Alley, Driveway Or Building**

The operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across the alleyway, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on such sidewalk area and, upon entering the roadway, shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on such roadway.

(Code 1965, §19-211; Ord. No. 1447, 6-7-65; Code 1991, §73.07)

**Cross reference(s)**--Penalty, §70.99.

### **73.08 Clinging To Vehicles**

No person riding upon any bicycle shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

(Code 1965, §19-212; Ord. No. 1447, 6-7-65; Code 1991, §73.08)

**Cross reference(s)**--Penalty, §70.99.

### **73.09 Carrying Articles**

No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article, which prevents the rider from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars.

(Code 1965, §19-213; Ord. No. 1447, 6-7-65; Code 1991, §73.09)

**Cross reference(s)**--Penalty, §70.99.

### **73.10 Parking**

No person shall park a bicycle upon a street other than upon the roadway against the curb or upon the sidewalk in a rack to support the bicycle or against a building or at the curb, in such manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic.

(Code 1965, §19-214; Ord. No. 1447, 6-7-65; Code 1991, §73.10)

**Cross reference(s)**--Penalty, §70.99; Operation of bicycles in parks, § 97.054.

### **73.11-73.99 Reserved**