

Chapter 35
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35.01 EFFECT OF REGULATIONS

A. It is a misdemeanor for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required in this Chapter.

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 provisions of this Chapter.

C. These regulations applicable to bicycles shall apply whenever a bicycle is operated upon any street or upon any public path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, subject to those exceptions stated herein.

35.02 REGISTRATION OF BICYCLES

A. Any resident in the Village owning and using a bicycle within the Village shall register the bicycle with the Police Department. The owner shall furnish the Police Department with his name, address, the make and serial number of the bicycle and any other information the Police Department may require, and the Police Department shall record such information.

B. The Chief of Police may devise a system of numbering of bicycles to supplement or replace the factory serial numbering, if he believes such system will facilitate the enforcement of this Chapter and the prevention of bicycle thefts.

C. The owner of a registered bicycle shall have the serial number or the Police Department registration number firmly attached to the bicycle in such manner as the Chief of Police shall prescribe.

35.03 TRAFFIC LAWS APPLICABLE

Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of 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 Village applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations of this Chapter and except as to those provisions of laws or ordinances which by their nature can have no application.

35.04 OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

A. Any person operating a bicycle shall obey the instructions of official traffic control signals, signs and other control devices applicable to vehicles unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

B. Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right or left of 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.

35.05 RIDING ON BICYCLES

A. A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than 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.

35.06 RIDING ON ROADWAYS AND BICYCLE PATHS

A. Every person operating a bicycling upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right hand side of the roadway as practical, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

B. Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than 2 abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

C. 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.

35.07 SPEED

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

35.08 EMERGING FROM ALLEY OR DRIVEWAY

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 the sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on said roadway.

35.09 CLINGING TO VEHICLES

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

35.10 CARRYING ARTICLES

No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the rider from keeping at least 1 hand upon the handle bars.

35.11 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 a manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic.

35.12 RIDING ON SIDEWALKS

- A. No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district.
- B. The Chief of Police is authorized to erect signs on any sidewalk or roadway prohibiting the riding of bicycles thereon by any person and when such signs are in place no person shall disobey the same.
- C. The Chief of Police is authorized to erect signs on other than business streets prohibiting riding of bicycles thereon if such practice shall be deemed dangerous.
- D. Whenever any person is lawfully riding a bicycle upon a permitted sidewalk area, such person shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

35.13 LAMPS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT

- A. Every bicycle when in use at night time 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 visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.
- B. No person shall 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 100 feet, except that a bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any persons use upon a bicycle 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, clean pavement.

35.14 PENALTIES

Every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this Chapter shall be punished by a fine in accordance with Appendix B or by impounding of such person's bicycle for a period not

to exceed 7 days, or by a combination thereof.