

CHAPTER 72: BICYCLES; TOY VEHICLES

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BICYCLES

§ 72.01 DEFINITION.

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

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BICYCLE. Any device propelled by human power upon which a person may ride, having two tandem wheels either of which is over 14 inches in diameter, or any device generally recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two front or rear wheels, or a unicycle.

('75 Code, § 7.207) (Ord. 1030.82, passed 9-2-82)

§ 72.02 LICENSE REQUIRED.

No person who resides within the city shall ride or propel a bicycle on any street, alley, or sidewalk within the city unless such bicycle has been licensed through the State Deputy Registrar, and the license sticker is visibly placed on the bicycle.

('75 Code, § 7.208) (Ord. 1030.82, passed 9-2-82; Am. Ord. 1075.92, passed 4-16-92) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.03 APPLICABILITY OF TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

Every person riding or operating a bicycle upon a roadway or sidewalk shall be subject to the provisions of the traffic code of this city applicable to the driver of a vehicle except as to those provisions of the code which by their nature can have no application.

('75 Code, § 7.209)

Cross-reference:

Traffic regulations, see Ch. 70

§ 72.04 OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.

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

(B) Whenever authorized signs are erected that no right, left, or "U"-turn is permitted, no person operating a bicycle shall disobey the direction of such sign except where such person dismounts from the bicycle to make such turn, in which event such person shall obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians.

('75 Code, § 7.210) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.05 MANNER OF RIDING; PASSENGER LIMITATIONS.

(A) A person operating a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, nor carry any other person upon such bicycle other than upon a firmly attached and regular seat thereon, nor shall any person ride upon a bicycle other than as above authorized.

(B) No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

('75 Code, § 7.211) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.06 SPEED.

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

('75 Code, § 7.212) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.07 RIDING ON RIGHT.

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

('75 Code, § 7.213) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.08 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 any alleyway, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on said sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on said roadway.

('75 Code, § 7.214) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.09 CLINGING TO VEHICLES.

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

('75 Code, § 7.215) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.10 RIDING IN A GROUP.

Persons operating bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast.
(‘75 Code, § 7.216) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.11 CARRYING ARTICLES.

No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the rider from keeping both hands upon the handlebars.
(‘75 Code, § 7.217) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.12 PARKING OF BICYCLES.

(A) It shall be unlawful to park any bicycle in the city along buildings or on sidewalks in such a manner as to interfere with traffic or with persons getting into or out of motor vehicles, and all bicycles when parked in the business district of the city shall be parked only in zones or places designated for that purpose.

(B) For purposes of this section, the term ***BUSINESS DISTRICT*** refers to that area bounded by and including 12th Street on the east, Kansas Avenue on the south, 15th Street on the west, and Utah Avenue on the north.
(‘75 Code, § 7.218) (Ord. 1030.82, passed 9-2-82) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.13 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) 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.
(‘75 Code, § 7.219) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.14 LAMPS AND REFLECTORS REQUIRED.

Every bicycle when in use at night shall be equipped with a lamp on the front exhibiting a headlight visible from a distance of at least 300 feet, and a reflector on the rear meeting the minimum requirements of the State Uniform Highway Traffic Act,

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('75 Code, § 7.220) (Ord. 1030.82, passed 9-2-82) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.15 BRAKES.

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

('75 Code, § 7.222) Penalty, see § 72.99

TOY VEHICLES

§ 72.25 DEFINITIONS.

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

OPERATE. To ride on or upon or control the operation of a skateboard, roller skates, scooter, or rollerblades.

OPERATOR. Every person who operates or is in actual physical control of a skateboard, roller skates, scooter, or rollerblades.

ROLLER SKATES or ***ROLLERBLADES.*** A form of skate with small wheels or rollers instead of a runner.

SCOOTER. A device for riding upon, usually while standing, consisting of an oblong piece of wood or of other composition mounted on wheels and equipped with a handle bar.

SKATEBOARD. A device for riding upon, usually while standing, consisting of an oblong piece of wood or of other composition mounted on skate wheels.

('75 Code, § 7.504) (Ord. 1064.88, passed 9-8-88)

§ 72.26 OPERATION ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AND NEGLIGENT OPERATION.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a skateboard, roller skates, scooter, or rollerblades under the circumstances set forth in the subdivisions which follow:

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

(B) In a 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.
(75 Code, § 7.505(1)-(2)) (Ord. 1064.88, passed 9-8-88; Am. Ord. 1087.94, passed
6-2-94) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.27 EMERGING FROM ALLEY, DRIVEWAY, OR BUILDING.

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

('75 Code, § 7.505(3)) (Ord. 1064.88, passed 9-8-88; Am. Ord. 1087.94, passed 6-2-94) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.28 CLINGING TO VEHICLES.

No person operating a skateboard, roller skates, scooter, or rollerblades shall attach the same or the person of the operator to any vehicle upon a roadway.

('75 Code, § 7.505(4)) (Ord. 1064.88, passed 9-8-88; Am. Ord. 1087.94, passed 6-2-94) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.99 PENALTY.

(A) Any person, firm, or corporation who violates any provision of this code for which another penalty is not specifically provided, shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor. The penalty for any crime which is a misdemeanor under this code, including Minnesota Statutes specifically adopted by reference, shall be identical to the penalty enumerated in M.S. § 609.02, Subd. 3, as amended from time to time.

(B) Any person, firm or corporate who violates any provision of this code, including Minnesota Statutes specifically adopted by reference, which is designated to be a petty misdemeanor shall, upon conviction be guilty of a petty misdemeanor. The penalty for any petty offense which is a petty misdemeanor shall be identical to the penalty enumerated in M.S. § 609.02, Subd. 4a, as amended from time to time.

(C) In either the case of a misdemeanor or a petty misdemeanor, the costs of prosecution may be added. A separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day during which a violation occurs or continues.

(D) The failure of any officer or employee of the city to perform any official duty imposed by this code shall not subject the officer or employee to the penalty imposed for a violation.

Statutory reference:

Ordinance violations and penalties, see M.S. §§ 412.231 and 609.034