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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

SEC. 4A.1 DEFINITION OF BICYCLE

"Bicycle" when used in this chapter, means and indicates a light vehicle without a motor, having two wheels, handlebars and a seat or seats, and propelled by the operator. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '1)

SEC. 4A.2 PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF CHAPTER BY JUVENILES UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE

Where this chapter has been violated by juveniles under the age of eighteen years, in lieu of such fine and imprisonment as provided in Section 1.7 of the Code and in lieu of filing charges in the juvenile court, the chief of police may prohibit the operation Upon the streets, alleys and public places in the City for a period not to exceed thirty days of a bicycle so used in such violation, in which event, the bicycle so used in such violation shall be impounded by the chief of police and retained by him during the period of the operation which is prohibited and the owner's registration card shall be held for a like period. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '17)

ARTICLE II. LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF BICYCLES

SEC. 4A.3 REQUIRED

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or use a bicycle in the City which has not been registered and licensed and equipped with one or more license plates as provided in this chapter. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '2)

SEC. 4A.4 EXCEPTION TO NONRESIDENTS REGISTERED IN ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY

Any nonresident of the City may operate in the City any bicycle which is duly licensed and registered in another municipality, and equipped with license plates, without obtaining a Piedmont license; provided, that such other municipality wherein the bicycle is licensed extends the same privilege to residents of the City of Piedmont. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '3)

SEC. 4A.5 EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS

Upon making an application for his first license, registration card and license plates or insignia, the applicant may be required to be examined by an examining officer designated by the chief of police. The chief of police may further designate the manner of examination. Upon completion of the examination, the chief of police may refuse to issue a license to the applicant if the examination discloses to the chief of police that the applicant does not have a reasonable knowledge of the provisions of this chapter, the provisions of Section 21050 of the Vehicle Code of the State, or that the applicant is unable to exercise reasonable control in operating a bicycle. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '6)

SEC. 4A.6 LICENSE-FEE

Every person desiring a bicycle license shall pay to the chief of police a fee of one dollar per year payable in advance at the time the application is made. The license may be issued up to a total period of three years at the discretion of the chief of police, for a maximum fee of three dollars for three years, and the fee may be prorated on a reasonable basis for the actual period issued at the discretion of the chief of police. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '5; Ord. No. 360 N.S., '1)

SEC. 4A.7 LICENSE-APPLICATION; REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET BEFORE ISSUANCE

Every person desiring a bicycle license in the City shall make application to the chief of police upon blanks furnished by him. Such application must be filed in duplicate and shall contain such information as may be required by the chief of police as to the applicant and the description of the bicycle licensed. No license shall be issued unless the bicycle to be licensed complies with the requirements of this chapter as to its safe mechanical condition, and has affixed to the rear fender and, if there is no rear fender, to a permanent part of the frame, in a position readily visible from three hundred feet from the rear of such bicycle a red lamp, a red reflector or a piece of red reflectorized tape at least two inches in length. (Ord. No. 213, N.S., '4; Ord. No. 295 N.S., '1)

SEC. 4A.8 LICENSE-EXPIRATION

All bicycle licenses shall expire on the thirty first day of December of the last year of the period for which they are issued. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '7; Ord. No. 360 N.S., '2)

SEC. 4A.9 LICENSE-RENEWAL

Application for renewal of a bicycle license expiring on the date mentioned in section 4A.8 shall be made by the owner, between January first and March first succeeding the expiration date, and shall be made by presentation of the license plate and the registration card last issued for the bicycle, and by the payment of the fee for the bicycle in the same manner as provided in section 4A.6. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '8; Ord. No. 360 N.S., '3)

SEC. 4A.10 LICENSE-PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO RENEW; EXCEPTIONAL CASES

A penalty shall be imposed Upon the bicycle owner who fails to comply with section 4A.9 in the amount of one dollar; provided, however, no penalty shall be imposed Upon the owner of a newly purchased bicycle who obtains a license within fourteen days of the purchase; or to a new resident of the City who obtains a license within thirty days of becoming a resident of the City; or, when the owner can provide adequate proof that he was unable to operate the bicycle during the renewal period due to mechanical failure. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '9, Ord. No. 360 N.S., '4)

SEC. 4A.11 ISSUANCE OF PLATE AND REGISTRATION CARD UPON APPROVAL OF APPLICATION; EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon approval of the application, and payment of the license fee, the chief of police shall issue a bicycle license plate and registration card which shall be effective until December thirty-first of the last year of the license. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '7; Ord. No. 360 N.S., '5)

SEC. 4A.12 DESIGNATION OF SIZE, FORM, ETC., OF PLATE AND CARD TO BE BY CHIEF OF POLICE; PLATE TO BE AFFIXED TO BICYCLE; CARD TO BE CARRIED BY LICENSEE

The size, form and character of the license plate or insignia and registration card shall be designated by the chief of police. The license plate or insignia shall be affixed to the bicycle in the manner designated by the chief of police. The registration card shall be carried by the licensed person. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '10)

SEC. 4A.13 REPORT OF LOSS, THEFT, TRANSFER, ETC., OF PLATE OR CARD TO CHIEF OF POLICE

Upon the loss of a license plate or insignia or the transfer of a bicycle from one person to

another, the licensee shall be required to report its loss, theft or transfer within ten days. Upon receipt of such report, the chief of police shall cancel this license and issue a new license plate to the licensee or new licensee Upon receipt of a fee of twenty five cents (Ord. No. 213 N.S., ' 11)

SEC. 4A.14 PROCEDURE UPON LOSS OF REGISTRATION CARD

Upon the loss of a registration card, the licensee shall make application for a duplicate card which shall be issued to him free of cost. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., ' 12)

ARTICLE III. MECHANICAL CONDITIONS AND EQUIPMENT

SEC. 4A.15 GENERALLY

Every person desiring a bicycle license must demonstrate to the chief of police that the bicycle for which the applicant desires to secure license plates or insignia meets the requirements as to safe mechanical conditions set out in this article. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., ' 13)

SEC. 4A.16 BRAKES

Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake adequate to skid the front or rear tire of the bicycle Upon application of the brake. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., ' 13)

SEC. 4A.17 WARNING DEVICES

Every bicycle shall be equipped with a horn or bell in good working order, capable of emitting sound audible for a distance of not less than one hundred feet under normal conditions. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., ' 13)

SEC. 4A.18 SIRENS AND WHISTLES

It shall be unlawful to equip a bicycle with a siren or whistle. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., ' 13)

SEC. 4A.19 HANDLEBAR GRIPS

Every bicycle that is equipped with handlebar grips must have such grips securely glued or cemented to the handlebars. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., ' 13)

SEC. 4A.20 CARRIERS

Every bicycle equipped with a carrier must have such carrier securely attached to the bicycle, and the carrier must be of a type approved by the chief of police. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '13)

SEC. 4A.21 STAND

Every bicycle purchased after the effective date of this chapter, if equipped with a stand, such stand must be of a type approved by the chief of police. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '13)

SEC. 4A.22 LIGHTS

Every bicycle operated at any time from a half-hour after sunset to a half-hour before sunrise and at any other time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernable any person or vehicle on the streets or sidewalks, shall be equipped with a lamp affixed to the front of the bicycle, which lamp shall exhibit a white light visible for a distance of three hundred feet from the front of the bicycle, and the bicycle shall be equipped with a red lamp affixed to the rear fender, which lamp shall exhibit a red light visible for a distance of three hundred feet from the rear of the bicycle; provided, however, that a red reflector of a type approved by the chief of police may be used in lieu of the rear lamp. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '13)

ARTICLE IV. OPERATION OF BICYCLES

SEC. 4A.23 COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER AS TO EQUIPMENT AND SAFE MECHANICAL CONDITION REQUIRED PREREQUISITE TO OPERATION

It shall be unlawful for any person to ride or operate a bicycle in the City unless such bicycle is equipped as otherwise provided in this chapter and unless the bicycle is in safe mechanical condition. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '14)

SEC. 4A.24 APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE

It shall be unlawful for any person to ride or operate a bicycle in the City in violation of any of the rules of the road as set forth in Sections 4A.25 to 4A.50. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)



SEC. 4A.25 RIDING ON SIDEWALK

No person shall ride or operate a bicycle on any sidewalk in the City, except as herein specifically permitted. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

SEC. 4A.26 JUVENILES RIDING ON SIDEWALK

Juveniles under the age of sixteen years, exercising due care and giving pedestrians the right of way, may ride and operate their bicycles Upon the sidewalk, except such sidewalks as are in front of schools, stores or buildings used for business purposes. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

SEC. 4A.27 KEEP TO RIGHT OF ROADWAY

Persons riding or operating bicycles on a highway or street shall keep such bicycles as close to the right hand curb as possible, except when preparing to make a left hand turn. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

SEC. 4A.28 RIDING IN A GROUP

Persons riding or operating bicycles in the City shall not ride more than two abreast, except on paths or parts of a roadway set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles; provided, further, that persons riding bicycles on the sidewalk shall do so in single file. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

SEC. 4A.29 CLINGING TO MOVING VEHICLES

No person riding or operating a bicycle in the City shall cling or attach himself or his bicycle to any other moving vehicle or streetcar, or person in any other vehicle. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

SEC. 4A.30 PASSENGERS

No person riding or operating a bicycle in the City shall carry another person on such bicycle, unless such person or passenger is seated Upon an individual seat or carrier separate from that intended to be used by the operator.

No person shall ride Upon a bicycle as a passenger, unless he is seated Upon an individual seat or carrier separate from that intended to be used by the operator. (Ord. No. 213

N.S., '15)

SEC. 4A.31 TOWING

No person riding or operating a bicycle in the City shall tow any other vehicle or person, except that bicycle trailers used for the delivery of newspapers, magazines or merchandise may be towed when being used in such delivery service. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

SEC. 4A.32 CARRYING ARTICLES

No person riding or operating a bicycle in the City shall carry any package, bundle or article which prohibits the rider from having full control of the bicycle at all times. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

SEC. 4A.33 RACING

No person riding or operating a bicycle Upon a public highway or street shall participate in any race, speed or endurance contest unless such race or endurance contest has the written permission of the chief of police, and under his supervision. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

SEC. 4A.34 TRICK RIDING

No person riding or operating a bicycle shall perform or attempt to perform any acrobatic, fancy or stunt riding Upon any public highway or street in the City. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

SEC. 4A.35 TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Every person operating a bicycle in the City shall stop for all arterial highways and traffic signals. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

SEC. 4A.36 PARKING

No person shall park any bicycle against windows or parking meters or on the main-traveled portion of the sidewalk, nor in such manner as to constitute a hazard to pedestrians, traffic or property.

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If there are no bicycle racks or other facilities intended to be used for parking of bicycles in the vicinity, bicycles may be parked on the sidewalk in an upright position parallel to and within twenty-four inches of the curb. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

### SEC. 4A.37 SPEED

No person shall ride or operate a bicycle faster than is reasonable and proper, and every bicycle shall be operated with reasonable regard to the safety of the operator and other persons Upon the streets, sidewalks and public highways of the City. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

### SEC. 4A.38 PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND SCHOOLS

No person shall ride or operate a bicycle Upon any playground, park or school grounds, where children are playing, without permission of the person having supervision thereof. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

### SEC. 4A.39 TURNING-GENERALLY

Every person riding or operating a bicycle Upon the streets and highways of the City shall turn only at intersections, except as otherwise provided in this article. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

### SEC. 4A.40 SAME-RIGHT TURN

Every person, riding or operating a bicycle intending to turn to the right at an intersection or into an alley or driveway, shall approach the turning point in the line of traffic nearest the right-hand curb of the street. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

### SEC. 4A.41 SAME-LEFT TURN

Every person riding or operating a bicycle intending to turn left at an intersection or to enter an alley or driveway shall approach the point of turning in the line of traffic nearest to the center of the roadway. The operator of a bicycle in turning left at an intersection shall pass to the right of the center of the intersection before turning unless otherwise directed by markers, buttons or signs. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

### SEC. 4A.42 SAME-U-TURNS

No bicycle shall be turned in any business district so as to proceed in the opposite direction, except at intersections.

No bicycle operated in a residence district shall be turned so as to proceed in the opposite direction when any other vehicle is approaching from either direction within two hundred feet, except at an intersection. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

SEC. 4A.43 SAME-TURN RIGHT AGAINST RED LIGHT

The operator of a bicycle which is stopped as close as practicable to the entrance of an intersection in obedience to a red light or "Stop" signal may make a right turn, but shall yield the right of way to pedestrians and other traffic proceeding as directed by the signal at the intersection unless a sign has been posted at such intersection prohibiting such turn. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

SEC. 4A.44 STOP REQUIRED PRIOR TO RIDING UPON SIDEWALK OR STREET AREA

The operator of a bicycle, on leaving an alley or driveway, when his view of either the sidewalk or street area is obstructed shall stop such bicycle immediately prior to riding upon such sidewalk or street area. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

SEC. 4A.45 MEETING AND PASSING

Every person operating a bicycle shall pass to the left when passing vehicles going in the same direction, and shall pass to the right when meeting vehicles going in the opposite direction. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

SEC. 4A.46 HAND SIGNALS

No person shall turn a bicycle or stop a bicycle which he is riding or operating unless such movement can be made with safety, and then only after giving an appropriate signal during the last fifty feet traveled by the bicycle before turning or stopping. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

SEC. 4A.47 METHOD OF GIVING SIGNALS-LEFT TURN

Every person signalling a left turn shall do so by extending his left hand and arm horizontally beyond the side of the bicycle. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

SEC. 4A.48 SAME-RIGHT TURN

Every person signalling a right turn shall do so by extending his left hand and arm upward beyond the side of the bicycle. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

SEC. 4A.49 SAME-STOP OR SUDDEN DECREASE OF SPEED

Every person signalling a stop shall do so by extending his left hand and arm downward beyond the side of the bicycle. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

SEC. 4A.50 PROCEDURE IN EVENT OF ACCIDENT

The operator of any bicycle involved in an accident shall take reasonable steps to ascertain whether or not anyone was injured, and he shall give his name, address and the license number of his bicycle to the person with whom he was in collision; and he shall obtain the same information from the other person.

It shall be the duty of the bicycle operator to make a written report of any accident resulting in death or injury to the police department within twenty-four hours of such accident. (Ord. No. 213 N.S., '15)

SEC. 4A.51 RESTRICT BICYCLES AND OTHER WHEELED VEHICLES TO PATHWAYS IN PARK

No bicycle or other wheeled vehicle shall be allowed in any part of a City park, except upon paved pathways or sidewalks within such park. This section does not apply to City operated vehicles, babies in strollers or carriages, handicapped persons in wheelchairs, and such other vehicles as are exempted from me to time by the city administrator. (Ord No. 394 N.S., '1)

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