

SUBCHAPTER 3K BICYCLES AND SKATEBOARDS

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3-3K-1 DEFINITIONS. The following words and phrases whenever used in the ordinances of the City, shall be construed as defined in this section unless, from the context, a different meaning is intended or unless different meaning is specifically defined and more particularly directed to the use of such words or phrases:

“Bicycles” shall mean either of the following:

A device having two wheels and having at least one saddle or seat for the use of a rider which is propelled by human power.

A device having two or more wheels with fully operable peddles and an electric motor less than seven hundred fifty watts (one horsepower), whose maximum speed on a paved level surface, when powered solely by such a motor while ridden, is less than twenty miles per hour.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1) (ECIA Model Code Amended in 2008)

3-3K-2 LICENSE REQUIRED. Every person operating a bicycle within the City shall cause the ownership thereof to be registered at the office of the Police Department. Upon such registration and passage of an examination as to knowledge of the laws regulating the operation of bicycles in the City, and passage of a riding test, and payment of a fee in the amount of one dollar (\$1.00), the Police Department will issue a license tag, which thereafter shall be kept attached to the bicycle. All persons using the same bicycle must take a test.

3-3K-3 LICENSE TRANSFER. In the event a licensed bicycle be sold or transferred, the license tag shall pass to the new owner or transferee and the sale or transfer of the bicycle shall be reported to the Police Department by the former owner within five (5) days after the sale or the transfer of such bicycle and the Police Department shall make a record of the sale or transfer together with the name of the new owner or transferee of the bicycle.

3-3K-4 LOST LICENSE PLATE. In the event that an owner shall lose his license tag or same should be destroyed or stolen, he shall report same immediately to the Police Department, which shall then issue to such owner a new license tag for a fee in the amount of fifty cents (50 cents).

3-3K-5 ALTERATION UNLAWFUL. It shall be unlawful for any person to alter or counterfeit any license tags issued in conformity with this Chapter.

3-3K-6 LIGHTS REQUIRED. All bicycles used within the City limits shall during the hours from one-half (1/2) hour after sunset and one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise, display a headlight on the forward part of the bicycle visible from a distance of at least three hundred feet (300'), the headlight to be stationary and with an illuminating power equal to that produced by a one and twenty-five hundredths (1.25) volt electric bulb and battery. There shall also be displayed on the rear part of the bicycle a suitable light or red reflector not to be smaller than one and one-half inches (1- 1/2") in diameter.

3-3K-7 WARNING DEVICES. All bicycles shall be equipped with either a suitable horn or bell. The use of sirens on bicycles shall be unlawful.

3-3K-8 PARKING BICYCLES. Bicycles shall be parked in such a manner as to not block or interfere with the free movement of pedestrians upon any City sidewalk or interfere or block any entrance to any commercial or public place. Bicycles shall be parked at a special parking place or rack when approved and provided, in a safe and suitable place, by the Police Department.

3-3K-9 RIDING ON SIDEWALKS. Bicycles may be operated upon the sidewalks in the Residential District, but not in the Business District or upon the sidewalks adjoining any School Premises.

3-3K-10 RIGHT OF PEDESTRIANS. Pedestrians upon sidewalks shall have the right-of-way at all times over persons using or operating bicycles upon any sidewalks not herein prohibited, and any person using or operating a bicycle upon any sidewalk shall turn off the sidewalk at all times when meeting or passing pedestrians.

3-3K-11 SINGLE FILE RIDING. Bicycles shall be ridden single file in Business Districts and upon sidewalks in Residential Districts but may be ridden not over two (2) abreast on any other City Street. The bicycles shall be operated as near the right curb as possible at all times.

3-3K-12 OBSERVANCE OF TRAFFIC RULES. All persons using or operating bicycles upon any street or sidewalk within the City shall observe all traffic rules as to traffic lights and highway stop signs and shall signal any change of direction or course of travel in the same manner as such signals are required under the law governing the use of motor vehicles upon streets and highways, and shall not turn left in traffic except at regular intersections of streets or alleys.

3-3K-13 TOWING UNLAWFUL. It shall be unlawful for any person riding a bicycle to be towed or to tow any other vehicle upon the streets of the City. It shall also be unlawful for any person riding a bicycle to follow a fire truck or other fire equipment at any time.

3-3K-14 CARRYING EXTRA PASSENGERS. Extra passengers shall not be carried upon a bicycle at any time, except for bicycles that are manufactured as bicycles built for two (2), or bicycles equipped with a child safety seat manufactured and properly installed and the bicycle is operated by a person sixteen (16) years of age or older.

3-3K-15 IMPROPER RIDING FORBIDDEN. It shall be unlawful for any person riding a bicycle within the Corporate Limits to ride in an irregular or reckless manner such as zigzagging, stunting, speeding, or otherwise riding with disregard for either the operator's safety or the safety of others.

3-3K-16 SPEED. It shall be unlawful to ride a bicycle on any sidewalk in the Residential Section of the City faster than five miles per hour (5 m.p.h.) or faster than twenty-five miles per hour (25 m.p.h.) on the streets and highways in any part of the City.

3-3K-17 IMPOUNDMENT OF BICYCLES. The Police Department may impound any bicycle used in any violation of the provisions of this Chapter. No such impoundment shall exceed 30 days.

3-3K-18 DEFINITION. For the remainder of this Ordinance, skating devices include skateboards, roller skates, inline skates and/or roller blades.

3-3K-19 OPERATING SKATING DEVICES ON SIDEWALKS. Skating devices may be operated upon the sidewalks in the Residential District, but not in the Business District or upon any sidewalk adjoining any school premises during regular school hours or any extracurricular school activities hours.

3-3K-20 RIGHTS OF PEDESTRIANS. Pedestrians upon the sidewalks shall have the right-of-way at all times over persons using skating devices upon the sidewalks not herein prohibited, and any person using or operating a skating device upon any sidewalk shall stop and remove the skating device from the sidewalk in order to give this right-of-way.

3-3K-21 IMPROPER OPERATION OF SKATING DEVICES FORBIDDEN. It shall be unlawful for any person operating a skating device to ride in any irregular or reckless manner such as zigzagging, stunting, or otherwise riding with disregard for either the operator's safety or the safety of others.

3-3K-22 OPERATING SKATING DEVICES ON PUBLIC STREETS. Skating devices may be operated on public streets in the Residential District but not in the Business District or upon North or South Main Streets, or West Platt Streets at any time.

3-3K-23 OBSERVANCE OF TRAFFIC RULES. All persons using or operating skating devices on any street or sidewalk within the City shall observe all traffic rules, as to traffic lights and stop signs and shall stop before entering a street from any sidewalk. All persons operating a skating device on a public street shall operate as near the right curb as possible at all times.

3-3K-24 IMPOUNDMENT OF SKATING DEVICES. The Police Department may impound any skating device used in violation of the provisions of this chapter. No such impoundment shall exceed 30 days.

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TITLE III COMMUNITY PROTECTION

CHAPTER 3 TRAFFIC CODE

