

ORDINANCE NO: 17**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING BICYCLES AND BICYCLE LICENSES**

The Town Board of the Town of Grand Rapids, Wisconsin, pursuant to § 340.01, 346.02(4), and 346.31 through 346.82 Wisconsin Statutes does ordain as follows with regard to its Town Ordinances:

17.1 Bicycle Laws

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle upon any street in the Town of Grand Rapids unless the bicycle is registered or tagged as herein provided. A non-resident may operate a bicycle which is duly registered in any other municipality, and equipped with a current registration tag, without obtaining a local registration tag, but must comply with local bicycle regulations.

17.2 Registration

Registration shall be made by filing the name and address of the owner and a complete description of the bicycle on forms provided, together with a fee as per Ordinance 39 "Schedule of Fees and Forfeitures".

- A. Registration shall be serially numbered and kept on file as a public record.
- B. In connection with the identification number, the tag shall be affixed in plain view, to the rear frame, seat or fender of the registered bicycle. Such tag shall remain affixed to the bicycle unless removed by the Police Department for cause or for retagging upon registration.

17.3 License

The registration shall be permanent from the date of issuance providing that said bicycle remains with the registered owner, and at the same registered address. There shall be no charge for changing the address of the registered owner providing they report such change of address within ten days.

- A. No person shall intentionally destroy, mutilate or alter the identification plate affixed to any bicycle, or remove without the owner's permission, any identification plate from any bicycle. In the event of a necessary replacement, a fee as per Ordinance 39 "Schedule of Fees and Forfeitures" will be charged.

17.4 Conditions

No bicycle shall be registered which is in unsafe mechanical condition. The Police Department shall have the authority to suspend the registration of and remove the identification tag from any bicycle operated while in unsafe mechanical condition, such suspension and removal to continue for a period of ten (10) days, provided that such registration shall not be reinstated or such identification tag be replaced while such bicycle is in an unsafe mechanical condition. Such suspension and removal shall be in addition to other penalties provided hereunder.

17.5 Ownership

Within ten (10) days after any bicycle registered shall have changed ownership, being transferred, or been dismantled and/or taken out of operation, the individual in whose name the bicycle has been registered, shall report such information to the Municipal

Building. The license plate shall not remain with the bicycle but shall be destroyed immediately by the person disposing of or transferring the bicycle.

17.6 Bicycle Rentals

A rental agency shall not rent or offer for rent any bicycle unless the bicycle is registered and a registration tag is affixed thereto as required herein and such bicycle is equipped with equipment required.

17.7 Enforcement

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this ordinance, the following will be enforced by the Town of Grand Rapids Police Department:

- A. No person operating a bicycle shall ride other than upon or astride a permanent or 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. However, one child's seat may be fastened securely to the bicycle, which seat shall be so designed and manufactured for this specific purpose. The operator of said bicycle shall be fourteen (14) years of age or older. The passenger of said bicycle must be seven (7) years of age or younger.
- B. No person shall operate any bicycle upon any part of any public highway or sidewalk in such manner as to interfere with the rights of other persons using such highway or sidewalk.
- C. No person shall operate a bicycle upon any public highway or sidewalk except in a careful and prudent manner, or at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under traffic conditions existing at the time, and every bicycle shall be operated with due regard to the safety of the operator and other persons upon the highway or sidewalk.
- D. Persons operating bicycles shall observe all traffic signs and signals as required by such signs and signals. No person operating a bicycle shall turn without giving an arm signal such as required by State law for the operation of motor vehicles.
- E. No person shall operate a bicycle upon any public sidewalk or street with painted center one abreast of another person operating a bicycle except while passing such vehicle.
- F. No bicycle shall be operated on any highway or sidewalk during any period of time from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise without a headlight visible from the front of such bicycle, for not less than five hundred (500) feet, and properly lighted, nor without an adequate light red taillight and red reflector not less than two and one-half (2-1/2) inches in diameter attached to and visible from the rear of such bicycle for a distance from fifty (50) to five hundred (500) feet to the rear. The taillight shall not be used in lieu of said reflector.
- G. Every bicycle when operated upon any highway or sidewalk shall be equipped with a brake adequate to control the movement of and to stop such vehicle whenever necessary. Such brake shall be maintained in good working order at all times.
- H. Unless preparing to make a left turn, every person operating a bicycle upon a highway carrying two-way traffic shall ride within three (3) feet of the right side of the unobstructed traveled roadway. Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway

shall exercise due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction, allowing a minimum of three (3) feet between his bicycle and the vehicle.

- I. It shall be unlawful to do any trick riding on any highway or sidewalk or to operate a bicycle without a hand on the handlebars.
- J. No owner or operator of any bicycle shall park the same on any sidewalk area or highway in such manner as to interfere with free passage by the public.

17.8 Penalties

Any person sixteen (16) years or older who shall violate any provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subjected to a forfeiture per Ordinance 39 "Schedule of Fees and Forfeitures" together with the costs of prosecution, and in default of payment of such fine, shall be imprisoned in the County Jail for a period not to exceed 30 days. Any fines collected from the violation will be deposited in the Town of Grand Rapids General Fund.

This ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its passage and publication as provided by law.

HISTORY

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