

ORDINANCE NO. 271

CITY OF LACEY

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING BICYCLES AND THE OPERATION THEREOF,
REQUIRING LICENSING AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is hereby added to the Lacey
Municipal Code, a new Chapter 10.10 to read as follows:

10.10.010 Definition. "Bicycle" for the purposes
of this ordinance means every device propelled by human power
upon which any person may ride, having any wheels more than
fourteen (14) inches in diameter. *The term shall not include those
devices commonly known as tricycles but shall include three (3) wheeled
bicycles. (RM)*

10.10.020 Effect of Regulations.

(a) It is unlawful 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 of the provisions of this
chapter.

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

10.10.030 License Required. No person who resides
within this jurisdiction, shall ride or propel a bicycle on
any street, sidewalk or upon any path set aside for the

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exclusive use of bicycles unless such bicycle has been licensed and a license sticker is attached thereto as provided herein.

10.10.040 License Application. Application for a bicycle license and license sticker shall be made to the chief of police. A bi-annual license fee of 50¢ shall be made to the city before each license or renewal thereof is granted. In the event of a loss, a duplicate license will be supplied for the same cost as any new license.

10.10.050 Issuance of License.

(a) The chief of police upon receiving proper application therefor, is authorized to issue a bicycle license which shall be effective from the date of issue until June 30, two (2) years from the year issued.

(b) The chief of police shall not issue a license for any bicycle when he knows or has reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant is not the owner of, or entitled to the possession of such bicycle.

(c) The chief of police shall keep record of the number of each license, the date of issue, the name and address of the person to whom issued, the number of the frame of the bicycle for which issued, and a record of all bicycle fees collected by him.

10.10.060 Attachment of License Sticker.

(a) The chief of police, upon issuing a bicycle license, shall also issue a license sticker bearing the

license number assigned to the bicycle, the name of the jurisdiction, and the name of the state, and the calendar years for which issued.

(b) The chief of police shall cause such license sticker to be firmly attached to the frame of the bicycle for which issued in such position as to be plainly visible.

(c) No person shall remove a license sticker from a bicycle during the period for which issued except in the event the bicycle is dismantled and no longer operated upon any street in this jurisdiction.

10.10.070 Inspection of Bicycle. The chief of police, or his designee assigned such responsibility, shall inspect each bicycle before licensing the same, and shall refuse a license for any bicycle which fails to comply with §10.10.220 of this Chapter, or which he determines is in unsafe mechanical condition.

10.10.080 Renewal of License. Upon the expiration of any bicycle license, the same may be renewed upon the application and the payment of the same fee as for any new bicycle license.

10.10.090 Transfer of Ownership.

(a) Upon sale or transfer of a licensed bicycle, the license sticker shall remain a part of said bicycle, and be sold thereon.

(b) It shall be the responsibility of the owner to authorize the transfer of registration, by signing

"Owner's Certificate of Registration," and releasing the same to the new owner.

(c) In the event that such certificate cannot be produced by the owner, a signed and dated statement testifying that such transfer is with the knowledge and consent of the registered owner, may be presented in lieu of signed "Owner's Certificate of Registration."

10.10.100 Rental Agencies. A rental agency shall not rent or offer any bicycle for rent unless the bicycle is licensed and a license sticker is attached thereto as provided herein and such bicycle is equipped in compliance with §10.10.220 of this Chapter.

10.10.110 Bicycle Dealers. Every person engaged in the business of buying or selling new or second-hand bicycles shall make a report to the chief of police of every bicycle purchased or sold by such dealer, giving the name and address of the person from whom purchased or to whom sold, a description of such bicycle by name or make, the frame number thereof, and the number of the license sticker, if any be found thereon.

10.10.120 Traffic Laws Apply to Persons Riding Bicycles. 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 bicycles or by the traffic ordinances of this jurisdiction applicable to the driver of a bicycle, except as to special regulations in this ordinance and except as to those provisions of laws and ordinances which by their nature can have no application.

10.10.130 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 or 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 case such person shall then obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians.

10.10.140 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.

10.10.150 Riding on Roadways and Bicycle Paths.

(a) Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right-hand side of the roadway

as practicable, 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 two abreast except on paths 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.

10.10.160 Speed. No bicycle shall be ridden faster than is reasonable and proper, but every bicycle shall be operated with reasonable regard to the safety of the operator and any persons upon the sidewalks, streets and other public highways of this jurisdiction.

10.10.170 Emerging From Alley or Driveway. The operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway, or building shall upon approaching a 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.

10.10.180 Clinging to Vehicles. No person riding upon any bicycle shall attach the same or himself to any ~~streetcar or~~ vehicle upon the roadway.

10.10.190 Control of Bicycles ~~Carrying Articles~~. No person riding ^{the} upon any bicycle shall ~~carry any package, bundle, or article~~ ^{do so without keeping at least one hand on handle bars,} which prevents the rider from keeping at least one hand upon ~~the handle bars.~~

10.10.200 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.

10.10.210 Riding on Sidewalks.

(a) The chief of police is authorized to ^{have}erected *JSM* 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.

(b) 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 pedestrians.

10.10.220 Equipment.

(a) Every bicycle in use from ^{thirty (30) *JSM*}~~fifty (50)~~ minutes after sundown until daylight the next day, or whenever atmospheric conditions make it necessary for the safe operation of said bicycle, 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 headlamps 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 200 feet, except that a bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.

(c) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the rear wheel to be locked and skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

10.10.230 Penalties. Every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, except that in the case of children under 16 years of age, the juvenile offender may be delivered over to the Juvenile Court for appropriate action.

Section 2. The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law except §10.10.030 through §10.10.100 which sections shall become effective on the 1 day of July, 1973.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 11 day of January, 1973.

Albert E. Van Rude
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jim McGuire
ACTING City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

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