

Chapter 10.48

BICYCLES

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10.48.010 Traffic Laws Applied to Persons Riding Bicycles.

Every person operating 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 under Title 10 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, except as to special regulations in Chapter 10.48, and except as to those provisions of Title 10 of the Lincoln Municipal Code which by their nature can have no application, or which are expressly excluded. (Ord. 15649 §1; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.64.005: Ord. 10246 §5; September 7, 1971).

10.48.110 Equipment on Bicycles; Brakes and Lights.

(a) Brakes. Every bicycle operated on the street in Lincoln shall be equipped with a brake adequate to control the movement of and to stop the bicycle. The brake on each wheel that has a brake must be capable of holding the wheel tightly so that the wheel will slide on dry, level pavement when the bicycle is pushed forward.

(b) Light, Front. Every bicycle operated on the streets of Lincoln, paved walkways through city parks or on Lincoln's designated pedestrian-bicycle trails between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise shall be equipped with a white light that is visible from a distance of at least 500 feet from the front on a clear night. The light shall be directly attached to the bicycle or worn by the bicycle's operator.

(c) Light, Rear. Every bicycle operated on the streets of Lincoln between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise shall be equipped with a red light that is visible for a distance of at least 500 feet from the rear on a clear night. The light may be directly attached to the bicycle or worn by the bicycle's operator. (Ord. 18042 §1; July 29, 2002; prior Ord. 15649 §11; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.64.080: Ord. 13057 §1; December 15, 1980: Ord. 11981 §6; May 16, 1977: Ord. 5699 §1508; April 12, 1954).

10.48.130 Right-of-Way.

(a) The operator of a bicycle emerging from any alley, building, driveway, or road shall, upon approaching a sidewalk, sidewalk space, or shared-use path extending across any alleyway, driveway, or road, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on said sidewalk, sidewalk space, or shared-use path.

(b) Where a shared-use path crosses a highway, a pedestrian, who is in the crossing in accordance with the traffic control device, shall have the right-of-way within the crossing with respect to vehicles and bicycles.

(c) An operator of a bicycle on a sidewalk or shared use path or in a crosswalk shall have all of the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances but shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.

(d) No operator of a bicycle shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and move into the path of a vehicle that is so close that it is impossible for the driver to safely stop. Nothing in this section shall relieve the bicyclist or the driver of a vehicle from the duty to exercise due care. (Ord. 20395 §7; December 12, 2016: prior Ord. 18776 §5; July 31, 2006: Ord. 15649 §13; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.64.100: Ord. 10246 §9; September 7, 1971: Ord. 5699 §1510, as amended by Ord. 7305; October 3, 1960).

10.48.140 Right Turn Lanes.

A person operating a bicycle approaching an intersection in a lane of traffic designated for right turns only who desires to proceed straight through the intersection shall, before reaching the intersection and after yielding the right-of-way to any approaching vehicle which is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard, (a) move into the first lane to the immediate left which is lawfully available for traffic moving straight through the intersection, shall enter the intersection in said lane, and shall leave the intersection as near to the right hand side of the roadway as practicable; or (b) before entering the intersection and after yielding the right-of-way to any approaching vehicle which is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard, move into a designated bicycle lane, which is lawfully available for traffic moving straight through the intersection, shall enter the intersection in said lane, and shall leave the intersection in said lane; or (c) said person shall proceed across the street in the crosswalk. (Ord. 20395 §8; December 12, 2016: prior Ord. 18776 §6; July 31, 2006: Ord. 15649 §14; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.64.101: Ord. 10246 §10; September 7, 1971).

10.48.150 Left Turns.

A person operating a bicycle upon any public street or public way who intends to turn left at any intersection shall, before reaching the intersection and after yielding the right-of-way to any approaching motor vehicle which is so close behind as to constitute an immediate hazard, (a) move as far as practicable to the left of the traveled portion of the roadway available for his or her direction of travel and shall then enter the intersection and execute the left turn according to

law; (b) proceed in a designated bicycle lane, yielding the right-of-way as required for any other vehicle; or (c) proceed across the street in the available crosswalks. (Ord. 20395 §9; December 12, 2016; prior Ord. 18776 §7; July 31, 2006; prior Ord. 15649 §15; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.64.102; Ord. 10246 §11; September 7, 1971).

10.48.160 Bicycles on Arterial Streets.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle upon any arterial street during such hours as may be designated for said street by resolution of the City Council. The Director of Public Works and Utilities shall cause appropriate regulatory signs to be erected upon any arterial street designated by resolution made pursuant to this section. (Ord. 16951 §89; March 11, 1996; prior Ord. 15649 §16; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.64.103; Ord. 10246 §12; September 7, 1971).

10.48.170 Riding on Sidewalk and Sidewalk Space Regulated.

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, it shall be unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle upon the sidewalks along any of the streets within the following bounds, to wit: (1) From the south line of "K" Street to the north line of "R" Street and from the east line of 16th Street to the west line of 9th Street; also from the south line of "O" Street to the north line of "R" Street and from the east line of 9th Street to the west line of 7th Street; (2) Havelock Avenue from the west line of 61st Street to the east line of 63rd Street; (3) 48th Street from the south line of Baldwin Avenue to the north line of Madison Avenue, and the west side of 48th Street from Prescott Street to Cooper Street; (4) Prescott Street from 47th Street to 48th Street; and (5) the west side of 66th Street from Holdrege Street to Fairfax Street.

(b) Any person operating a bicycle upon a sidewalk, sidewalk space, or shared-use path shall do so at his own risk and shall yield the right-of-way to any and all pedestrians.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle: (i) in a careless manner or without due caution in a manner as to endanger any person or property, or (ii) in a reckless manner so as indicate an indifferent or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property, or (iii) in a negligent manner, or (iv) in such a manner as to endanger or interfere with the lawful traffic or use of the streets. (Ord. 20395 §10; December 12, 2016; prior Ord. 15917 §1; July 1, 1991; prior Ord. 15649 §17; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.64.110; Ord. 14476 §1; August 18, 1986: Ord. 10246 §13; September 7, 1971: Ord. 5699 §1511, as amended by Ord. 7305; October 3, 1960).

10.48.180 Riding to Right of Roadway.

Bicycles proceeding with the normal flow of traffic shall be operated in the right-hand travel lane of a roadway or in a designate bicycle lane. Bicycles proceeding at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing shall be ridden in a designated bicycle lane or shall stay as close as practicable to the right-hand side of the right-hand travel lane except when passing or preparing for a left turn. (Ord. 18776 §8; July 31, 2006; prior Ord. 15649 §18; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.64.120; Ord. 11981 §7; May 16, 1977: Ord. 5699 §1512; April 12, 1954).

10.48.185 Designated Bicycle Lane; Direction.

It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle in a designated bicycle lane in a direction different from the direction of other vehicular traffic in the traveled portion of the roadway adjacent to the designated bicycle lane. (Ord. 18776 §9; July 31, 2006).

10.48.190 Riding in Group.

(a) Persons riding bicycles upon a street or roadway shall ride single file, except on paths or parts of roadway set aside for exclusive use of bicycles.

(b) Persons shall operate bicycles in a bicycle lane in such a manner so as not to obstruct or impede the lawful operation of other bicycles within the bicycle lane, or the lawful operation of any vehicle in any adjacent lane. (Ord. 18776 §10; July 31, 2006; prior Ord. 15649 §19; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.64.130: Ord. 5699 §1513, as amended by Ord. 7305; October 3, 1960).

10.48.200 Holding on to Moving Vehicles.

It shall be unlawful for any person riding a bicycle to take hold of or hold onto any other vehicle in motion. (Ord. 15649 §20; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.64.140: Ord. 5699 §1514; April 12, 1954).

10.48.210 Number of Persons on Bicycle.

It shall be unlawful for more than one person to ride a bicycle, unless said bicycle is constructed to carry the number of persons being conveyed. (Ord. 15649 §21; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.64.150: Ord. 5699 §1515; April 12, 1954).

10.48.220 Control of Bicycle.

At no time shall a cyclist operate a bicycle with less than one hand on the handlebars. (Ord. 15649 §22; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.64.160: Ord. 11981 §8; May 16, 1977: prior Ord. 5699 §1516; April 12, 1954).

10.48.230 Parking.

It shall be unlawful for any person to park a bicycle upon a roadway, sidewalk, or other public way in such a position as to interfere with the safety or movement of vehicular or pedestrian traffic, and when parked upon a sidewalk such bicycle shall be parked within four feet of the curb. This section shall not apply to bicycles parked within areas officially designated by the city for the purpose of parking bicycles. (Ord. 15649 §23; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.64.170: Ord. 10246 §14; September 7, 1971: prior Ord. 5699 §1517; April 12, 1954).

10.48.240 Attachment of Bicycle to Fire Hydrant.

It shall be unlawful for any person to attach, tie, chain, or secure a bicycle to a fire hydrant in any manner whatsoever. (Ord. 15649 §24; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.64.175: Ord. 10246 §15; September 17, 1971).

10.48.250 Rental Agencies.

It shall be unlawful for any rental agency to offer any bicycle for rent which is not equipped by such agency with lights and other safety equipment as is required by this title or one

which is not in good and safe working order. (Ord. 17718 §3; August 21, 2000: prior Ord. 15649 §25; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.64.180: Ord. 5699 §1518; April 12, 1954).

10.48.260 Bicycle Dealers.

All persons engaged in the business of buying secondhand bicycles are hereby required to make a written report to the Police Department on the first Tuesday of each month giving the name and address of the person from whom each bicycle is purchased, the description of each bicycle purchased, the manufacturer's serial number on the frame thereof, the number on the registration number plate, sticker, or decal found thereon, if any.

All persons engaged in the business of selling new or secondhand bicycles are hereby required to make a written report to the Police Department on the first Tuesday of each month, consisting of a list of all sales made by such dealer of new or secondhand bicycles made by such dealer during the previous month giving the name and address of each person to whom sold, the kind of bicycle sold, together with a description and the manufacturer's serial frame number thereof; the number of the registration number plate, sticker or decal attached thereto, if any, and the Lincoln Police Department serial number found thereon, if any. (Ord. 15649 §26; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.64.190: Ord. 11981 §9; May 16, 1977: Ord. 5699 §1519; April 12, 1954).

10.48.270 Malicious Destruction.

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully or maliciously remove, destroy, mutilate or alter the manufacturer's serial frame number of any bicycle registered pursuant to the provisions hereof. It shall also be unlawful for any person to remove, destroy, mutilate or alter any registration number plate during the period when such registration is operative, or any Police Department serial number placed on the frame of a bicycle by the city. (Ord. 15649 §27; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.64.200: Ord. 5699 §1520; April 12, 1954).

10.48.280 Penalty.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter, or who shall fail, neglect, or refuse to perform any duty imposed upon him or her, shall be deemed guilty of an infraction, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$100.00, recoverable with costs.

Any person violating any provisions of Section 10.48.270 of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months or by a fine of not less than \$250.00 nor or more than \$500.00. (Ord. 18776 §11; July 31, 2006: prior Ord. 17718 §4; August 21, 2000: Ord. 15649 §28; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.64.210: Ord. 5699 §1521; April 12, 1954).