

Chapter 4.5

BICYCLES *AND OTHER SIMILAR HUMAN-POWERED VEHICLES**

**Editor's note: An ordinance enacted Feb. 22, 1982, amended Ch. 13 by adding several sections pertaining to bicycles. With the permission of the city, these sections and provisions formerly codified as §§ 13-12--13-13.1, have been redesignated as §§ 4.5-1--4.5-11 for purposes of classification.*

~~Sec. 4.5-1. License plate required.~~

~~It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle upon any of the streets of the city unless a valid bicycle license plate is attached to the bicycle in a plainly visible position. (Ord. of 2-22-82)~~

Sec. 4.5-1. Regulations.

The operation and use of bicycles and other similar human-powered vehicles (including, but not limited to bicycles, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, rollerskates, and the like) - excluding wheel chairs and other devices used for handicapped transportation - will be governed by this Chapter and the motor vehicle laws of the State of Delaware {Title 21, Chapter 41, Subchapter XII}.

~~Sec. 4.5-2. Issuance of license; term; extent of authorization.~~

~~The police force shall issue bicycle licenses upon written application therefor on the forms as provided by it, and upon payment of the proper fee as provided in section 4.5-4. The licenses shall be valid and effective from the date of issuance or renewal, to the thirty-first day of May. Each license shall entitle the licensee to operate the bicycle for which the license has been issued upon all the streets, subject to the provision of section 4.5-8. (Ord. of 2-22-82)~~

Sec. 4.5-2. Bicycle Registration.

The police department is hereby authorized to register bicycles upon written application. Such registration is encouraged and will be maintained by the police department for identification purposes. Such registration shall also entitle the operation of the bicycle in the city.

~~Sec. 4.5-3. License cards and plates; records.~~

~~The police force shall provide license cards and license plates suitable for attachment to bicycles. The license cards and plates shall be numbered in numerical order beginning with the number one, and one of each shall be issued with each license. The police force shall keep a record of the date and number of each license issued, the name of the licensee and the frame number of the bicycle for which the license is issued. (Ord. of 2-22-82)~~

~~Sec. 4.5-4. License fees; transfer fees.~~

~~—The fee for the issuance of a bicycle license shall be twenty-five cents (\$0.25) and for each renewal thereof ten cents (\$0.10). Licenses may be transferred, and the fee for the registration of a transfer shall be twenty-five cents (\$0.25). (Ord. of 2-22-82)~~

Sec. 4.5-5. Reserved.

Editor's note: An ordinance enacted June 14, 1982, repealed §13-13.6, which had been included as §4.5-5, pertained to the title transfer report and the application for registration transfer, and was derived from an ordinance enacted Feb. 22, 1982.

Sec. 4.5-6. Impoundment of unlicensed bicycles.

The police force may impound any bicycle operated in violation of section 4.5-1 and retain possession thereof until a license is obtained by the owner of the bicycle. Should the police force retain possession for more than sixty (60) days, it may dispose of the bicycle. (Ord. of 2-22-82)

~~**Sec. 4.5-7. Tampering with bicycles, license plates, registration cards prohibited.**~~

~~—It shall be unlawful for any person to wilfully or maliciously remove, destroy, mutilate or alter the number of any bicycle licensed pursuant to this article. It shall also be unlawful for any person to remove, destroy, mutilate or alter any license plate or registration card during the time in which the license plate or registration card is operative; provided however, that nothing in this section shall prohibit the police force from stamping numbers on the frames of bicycles on which no serial number can be found, or on which the number is illegible or insufficient for identification purposes. (Ord. of 2-22-82)~~

Sec. 4.5-8. Reserved.

Editor's note: An ordinance enacted June 14, 1982, repealed §13-13.8, which had been included as §4.5-8, pertained to riding and traffic regulations generally, and was derived from an ordinance enacted Feb. 22, 1982.

~~**Sec. 4.5-9. Riding bicycles abreast.**~~

~~—Persons riding bicycles upon streets shall not ride more than two (2) abreast except upon paths or streets set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. (Code 1968, § 31-97)~~

~~**Sec. 4.5-10. Leaving bicycles unattended on sidewalks.**~~

~~—It shall be unlawful for any person to leave a bicycle unattended upon a sidewalk in such manner as to impede pedestrian traffic. (Code 1968, § 31-97)~~

Sec. 4.5-11. Bicycles and skateboards on sidewalks.

The use and operation of bicycles and skateboards *other similar human-power vehicles (including, but not limited to bicycles, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, rollerskates, and the*

like) - excluding wheel chairs and other devices used for handicapped transportation - on sidewalks in the downtown shopping area is hereby prohibited. This section shall be enforced by the erection of appropriate signs in the downtown shopping area designating the areas where bicycles and skateboards *other similar human-power vehicles* may not be used. (Ord. of 10-22-79)

Sec. 4.5-12. Penalties for violation.

Any person who shall violate any of the sections of this chapter, or who shall fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and not less than ten dollars (\$10.00). Fines not paid within fourteen (14) days of the day the fine was issued, including the day the fine was issued, shall be automatically doubled in amount. (Ord. of 7-28-86; Ord. of 9-22-03)

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