

ORDINANCE NO. 254 - AMENDING

CHAPTER 76 -

BICYCLES, SKATES AND SKATEBOARDS

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76.01 SCOPE OF REGULATIONS. These regulations shall apply to the use of in-line skates (roller blades), roller skates, skateboards, scooters and similar devices within the City limits and whenever a bicycle is operated upon any street or upon any public path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles within the City limits, subject to those exceptions stated herein.

76.02 TRAFFIC CODE APPLIES. Every person riding a bicycle, skates, skateboards, scooters or similar devices 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 the State declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles or by the traffic code of the City applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application. Whenever such person dismounts from a bicycle, skates, skateboards, scooters or similar devices, the person shall be subject to all regulations applicable to pedestrians.

76.03 RIGHT-OF-WAY. The user or passenger of a bicycle, skates, skateboards, scooters or similar devices shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian, motor vehicle or any other user of any street, sidewalk or other public place, and shall not interfere with the proper use of any sidewalk, street or other public place by any other person.

76.04 BICYCLE PATHS. Whenever a usable path for bicycles, skates, skateboards, scooters or similar devices has been provided adjacent to a roadway, riders shall use such path and shall not use the roadway.

76.05 SPEED. No person shall operate a bicycle, skates, skateboards, scooters or similar devices at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.

76.06 EMERGING FROM AN ALLEY OR DRIVEWAY. The operator of a bicycle, skates, skateboards, scooters or similar devices emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the 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.

76.07 DOUBLE RIDING RESTRICTED. A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than astride a permanent and 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.

76.08 TWO ABREAST LIMIT. Persons riding bicycles, skates, skateboards, scooters or similar devices shall not ride more than two (2) abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. All bicycles, skates, skateboards, scooters or similar devices ridden on the roadway shall be kept to the right and shall be operated as near as practicable to the right-hand edge of the roadway.

76.09 CARRYING ARTICLES. No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the rider from keeping at least one hand upon the handle bars.

76.10 TOWING. It is unlawful for any person riding a bicycle, skates, skateboards, scooters or similar devices to be towed or to tow any other vehicle upon the streets, sidewalks or alleys of the City.

76.11 RIDING ON SIDEWALKS. The following shall apply to riding bicycles, skates, skateboards, scooters or similar devices on sidewalks:

1. Prohibited Locations. When signs are erected on any sidewalk, roadway or public property prohibiting the riding of bicycles, skates, skateboards, scooters or similar devices thereon by any person, no person shall disobey the signs
2. Yield Right-of-way. Whenever any person is riding a bicycle, skates, skateboard, scooter or similar device upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing.
3. Business District. Bicycles, skates, skateboards, scooters or similar devices are prohibited from use on sidewalks in the Business District, as defined in Section 60.02(1) of this Code of Ordinances, except when used strictly for transportation purposes to and from downtown businesses.

76.12 RESTRICTED USE. The use of bicycles, skates, skateboards, scooters or similar devices in places not prohibited shall be done only in a

careful and prudent manner and not in a manner so as to cause or be likely to cause danger or injury to any person or property.

76.13 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.

76.14 EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS. Every person riding a bicycle, skates, skateboard, scooter or similar devices shall be responsible for providing and using equipment as provided herein:

1. Lamps Required. Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least three hundred (300) feet to the front and with a lamp on the rear exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of three hundred (300) feet to the rear, except that a red reflector on the rear of a type which shall be visible from all distances from fifty (50) feet to three hundred (300) feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle, may be used in lieu of a rear light.
2. Reflective Clothing. Every person using skates, skateboards, scooters or similar devices at nighttime shall wear reflective clothing that is visible from a distance of at least one hundred (100) feet.
3. Brakes Required. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

76.15 SPECIAL PENALTY. A violation of this chapter shall result in the imposition of the following penalty:

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| 1. First offense | 5 days impoundment of non-motorized vehicle used to violate ordinance – or – imposition of a \$25.00 fine. |
| 2. Second offense | 10 days impoundment of non-motorized vehicle used to violate ordinance – or – imposition of a \$50.00 fine. |

3. Third or greater offense 30 days impoundment of non-motorized vehicle used to violate ordinance – or – imposition of a \$100.00 fine.

The penalty option of impoundment or fine is to be decided by the violator.