

City of Wisconsin Rapids

340.006 PEDESTRIANS, NON-MOTORIZED TRAFFIC, EXCEPT BICYCLES, PROHIBITED ON FREEWAYS, STREETS, AND EXPRESSWAYS (MC#745)

Pedestrians and non-motorized traffic, except bicycles, are prohibited on freeways and expressways. When signs conforming to the Uniform Traffic Control Device Manual are erected at all points of access to such highways, no pedestrian shall walk or no person shall ride a non-motorized vehicle upon the following freeways, streets, and expressways:

- (1) 8th Street South from its intersection with Oak Street through the Two Mile Avenue intersection, except bicycles
- (2) Baker Drive viaduct (MC#352)
- (3) Grand Avenue Bridge from the 2nd Street intersection through the 1st Avenue intersection
- (4) Jackson Street Bridge from the 1st Street North intersection to the 2nd Avenue Intersection
- (5) Riverview Expressway from the north city limits to the east city limits, except bicycles

20.09 BICYCLE REGULATIONS AND LICENSING

- (1) Definitions:
 - (a) Bicycle: every device propelled by the feet acting upon pedals and having wheels, any two of which are not less than 14 inches in diameter.
 - (b) Dealer in Bicycles: any firm, store, business establishment, or individual engaged in the sale of bicycles-wholesale or retail.
 - (c) Operate: The word "operate" or any form thereof shall mean and refer to the use, putting into action, or causing to function of a bicycle by a person mounted thereon.
 - (d) Rental Agency: any individual firm, store, or business establishment engaged in the business of offering for rental or offering for rental of bicycles for hire by the public.
 - (e) Bicycle Lane: that portion of a roadway set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, where permitted, and so designed by appropriate signs and markings.
 - (f) Bike Route: any bicycle lane, bicycle way, or highway which has been duly designated and which is identified by appropriate signs and markings.
 - (g) Bicycle Way: any path or sidewalk or portion thereof designated for the use of bicycles.
- (2) Application of Ordinance. No individual shall operate a bicycle upon any street, alley, public roadway, sidewalk, bicycle lane, bicycle route, bicycle way, or other public right-of-way in the City of Wisconsin Rapids unless the bicycle is registered and has properly affixed thereto a registration plate, as herein provided. This section shall apply to all permanent and temporary residents of the City of Wisconsin Rapids, and to non-residents who operate bicycles within the city habitually or frequently, either in going to and from school, place of employment, or for any other purpose; but shall not apply to casual travelers or tourists passing through the city on bicycles, not to those residents of cities, villages, and townships adjacent to the City of Wisconsin Rapids who are validly and currently registered within their respective jurisdiction. Any person operating a bicycle within the City of Wisconsin Rapids must comply with local bicycle regulations.
- (3) Registration - Fee - Inspection.
 - (a) Registration shall be made with the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department, or any other departments designated by the City of Wisconsin Rapids, who shall provide the appropriate forms therefore, upon payment of a registration fee of \$5.00 such designated department shall issue a registration plate for the bicycle which shall permit the bicycle to be operated within the City of Wisconsin Rapids as herein provided. (MC#492)
 - (b) 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 10 days.

- (c) No person shall be entitled to register a bicycle when that person is believed by the issuing department to have no claim to, or evidence of, ownership of said bicycle, or have no right to possession of said bicycle.
 - (d) The registering department may inspect each bicycle before registering, and may refuse to register any bicycle in an unsafe mechanical condition.
- (4) Display of Registration Plates.
 - (a) No bicycle shall be considered registered until a registration plate is securely affixed to the bicycle, which shall remain so affixed until re-registration or until removed by the police department or issuing department for cause. Such license shall be attached securely to the rear of the bicycle seat or to the rear fender.
 - (b) 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, the fee shall be \$3.00.
- (5) Transfer and Cancellation of Registration. Within 10 days after any bicycle registered hereunder shall have changed ownership, been 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 police department. The license plate shall not remain with the bicycle but shall be destroyed immediately by the person disposing of, or transferring the bicycle. The new owner shall register the bicycle as stated in Section 20.09(3)(a). The original owner shall be subject to Section 20.09(3)(a) with regard to any other bicycle.
- (6) Buying, Selling, or Renting of Bicycles. The police department or issuing department is hereby authorized to stamp numbers on the frame of bicycles in a legible manner for identification purposes, upon which no serial number can be found or upon which the serial number is illegible, or obscured for identification purposes.
 - (a) Every firm, store, business, establishment, or individual engaged in buying, selling, or exchange of bicycles in the City of Wisconsin Rapids shall maintain for three years from the date of transaction a record containing the brand name, color, type, and serial number of each bicycle bought, sold, or exchanged and shall record the name and address of each person buying, selling, or exchanging a bicycle. This record shall be open to inspection by representatives of the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department or designated issuing department, during reasonable business hours.
 - (b) It shall be unlawful for any firm, store, business establishment or individual within the City of Wisconsin Rapids, to purchase, receive in trade, or otherwise acquire any bicycle from which the serial number on the frame of a bicycle has been removed, destroyed, mutilated, or altered, without first reporting the same to the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department.
- (7) Other Provisions.
 - (a) Any member of the police department is authorized to inspect any bicycle operating within Wisconsin Rapids City Limits at reasonable time for the purpose of making a check of the license, license number, serial number, and for the purpose of determining the mechanical condition of the bicycle. If the police officer inspecting such bicycle determines that said bicycle is unsafe and should not be operated, may impound, and order said bicycle owner to cease operating said bicycle until necessary repairs have been made, to the satisfaction of the police officer making the determination.
 - (b) Use of bicycle without owner's consent: It shall be unlawful for any person to use or operate any bicycle within the City of Wisconsin Rapids without the owner's consent.
 - (c) Enforcement of provisions: The Chief of Police of Wisconsin Rapids shall enforce the provisions of this ordinance.
- (8) State Laws Adopted by Reference. Provisions of State Law are hereby adopted by reference Section 346.02(4) and 346.77 through 346.82.
- (9) Rules for Driving and Operating Bicycles. All operators of bicycles shall observe and obey all rules dealing with vehicular traffic and in addition obey all rules contained in this chapter.
 - (a) Every bicycle when operated upon a highway shall be in good and safe mechanical condition.

- (b) No person shall operate any bicycle upon any part of any public highway, sidewalk, bicycle path, bicycle route, bicycle lane, in such a manner as to interfere with the rights of other persons using said facilities.
- (c) No person operating a bicycle shall ride other than upon or astride a permanent regular seat attached thereto. No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at any one time than the original manufacturer's design; and for which it is equipped as so designed. However, one child's seat may be securely fastened to the bicycle, which seat shall be so designed and manufactured for this specific purpose. Such seat shall be equipped with a safety belt, arm rest, back rest, foot rest, and spoke protector. The operator of a bicycle so equipped with a child seat shall be 16 years of age or older. The passenger on said bicycle shall be six years of age or younger.
- (d) When two or more persons in a group are operating bicycles, they shall ride single file, except when passing other bicycles, or motor vehicles.
- (e) No person operating a bicycle shall turn without giving an arm signal such as required by state law for the operation of motor vehicles.
- (f) No person operating a bicycle shall cling or attach thereon himself or bicycle to any other moving vehicle.
- (g) No person operating a bicycle shall propel any other vehicle, person, or plaything by attaching it to the bicycle the person is operating, except those trailers designed for this specific purpose by a manufacturer. All home-made trailers are permissible providing they have been inspected for safety by a police officer. Such trailers must meet all safety requirements.
- (h) No person shall operate a bicycle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs or while physically or mentally unfit to operate the same.
- (i) No bicycle shall be operated on any highway, street, sidewalk, bicycle way, bicycle path, bicycle route in Wisconsin Rapids 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 500 feet when properly lighted and attached nor without an adequate lighted red tail light and red reflector not less than 2-1/2 inches in diameter to and visible from the rear of such bicycle for a distance from 50 to 500 feet to the rear. The tail light shall not be used in lieu of said reflector.
- (j) Every bicycle when operated upon any Wisconsin Rapids street, highway, sidewalk, bicycle path, bicycle way, bicycle route, shall be equipped with a brake adequate to control the movement and stop such vehicle whenever necessary.
- (k) No bicycle may be equipped with nor may any person riding a bicycle use any siren or compression whistle.
- (l) Unless preparing to make a left turn, every person operating a bicycle upon a street or highway in the City of Wisconsin Rapids carrying two-way traffic shall ride as close as applicable to the right side of the unobstructed traveled roadway. On one-way streets, the operator of the bicycle shall ride as close as applicable to the right or left side of the unobstructed roadway. Every person operating a bicycle upon a street or highway shall exercise due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction. It shall be unlawful to do any trick riding on any street, highway, or sidewalk or to operate any bicycle without a hand on the handle bars. No person shall carry or transport such packages or material attached to or unattached to such vehicle as to impede the safe operation of such bicycle.
- (m) Any dealer, firm, store, business establishment, or individual engaged in rental of bicycles, shall not rent any bicycle unless the bicycle is registered as prescribed in this ordinance and such bicycle shall also meet the safety and mechanical condition therein.
- (n) No bicycle owner or operator shall park the same on any highway, street, bicycle lane, bicycle path, bicycle route, sidewalk, within the City of Wisconsin Rapids, in such a manner as to interfere with the free passage of the public.
- (o) Bicyclists exercising due care may operate a bicycle upon any sidewalk except as noted herein:
 - (1) Immediate school grounds during school hours.

- (2) Sidewalks on the north and south side of West Grand Avenue from the westerly most point of the intersection of 1st Avenue South through the 400 block of West Grand Avenue.
 - (3) East and west sides of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Avenues from the intersection of Jackson through the intersection of Goggins Street.
 - (4) The west side of 4th Avenue North between the intersection of Jackson Street through McKinley Street intersection.
 - (5) The east side of 1st Street North from the intersection of Oak through the intersection of Jackson Street.
 - (6) East and west sides of 2nd Street in a northerly direction from the intersection of East Grand Avenue through Baker Street intersection.
 - (7) North and south side of Oak Street from the 2nd Street intersection through the 3rd Street intersection.
 - (8) The west side of 3rd Street North from Oak Street intersection to Market and the Baker Street intersection.
 - (9) Newspaper carriers may drive their bicycles on sidewalks when delivering papers provided the use thereof is not restricted.
- (p) Bicycles restricted from using streets for operating in certain areas of the City of Wisconsin Rapids. Such streets must be signed conforming to National and State standards.
- (1) Riverview Expressway from its intersection at West Grand Avenue through the most easterly intersection within the city limits of the east side of the river.
 - (2) 8th Street South from its intersection of Oak Street through the Two Mile Avenue intersection.
 - (3) Grand Avenue bridge from the 2nd Street South intersection through the 1st Avenue South intersection.
 - (4) Jackson Street bridge from the 1st Street North intersection through the 1st Avenue North intersection.
 - (5) While operating on any sidewalk, bicycle lane, path, or trail, all cyclists shall exercise due care and shall yield the right of way to all pedestrians using such facility. Audible signals shall be given when passing.
 - (6) Any person operating a bicycle on a sidewalk and about to enter or entering the intersection within the crosswalk, shall yield to all traffic including pedestrians within or approaching such crosswalks, except if cyclists dismount and walk their bicycles across intersection within the crosswalk. When cyclists walk their bicycles across intersections, they shall have the same rights due pedestrians. This shall apply to all crosswalks in or outside the intersections.
- (10) Bicycles and Play Vehicles; Responsibility of parent or guardian for violation of bicycle and play vehicle regulations.
- (a) No parent or guardian of any child shall authorize or knowingly permit such violations of the provisions of this ordinance and chapters 346.73 through 346.81 of Wisconsin Statutes.
 - (b) No person riding upon or propelling any unicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled, toboggan, or toy vehicle shall attach the same or himself to any moving vehicle upon any roadway or go upon any roadway, bike way, bike path, or bike lane except while crossing a roadway at a crosswalk.
- (11) Driving Bicycles on Bicycle Lane.
- (a) Unless two-way traffic is authorized by appropriate signs, every person operating a bicycle upon a bicycle lane shall ride in the same direction in which vehicular traffic on the lane of the roadway nearest the bicycle lane is traveling. Appropriate signs shall be installed on all bicycle lanes open to two-way traffic.
 - (b) Unless otherwise provided, a person operating a bicycle may enter or leave a bicycle lane only at intersections or at driveway adjoining the bicycle lane.

- (c) Any person may leave a bicycle lane at any point by dismounting and walking it out of the lane. A person may enter a bicycle lane at any point by walking his/her bicycle into the lane and then mounting it.
 - (d) Every person operating a bicycle upon a bicycle lane shall exercise due care and give an audible signal when passing a bicycle rider proceeding in the same direction.
 - (e) Every operator of a bicycle entering a bicycle lane shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles and pedestrians.
 - (f) Mopeds are prohibited from using bicycle lanes or paths (where signs are erected prohibiting their use).
- (12) Driving Bicycles on Bicycle Way.
- (a) Every person operating a bicycle upon a bicycle way shall:
 - (1) Exercise due care and give audible signs when passing a bicycle rider or a pedestrian proceeding in the same direction.
 - (2) Obey each traffic signal or sign facing a roadway which runs parallel and adjacent to a bicycle way.
 - (b) Every person operating a bicycle upon a bicycle way open to two-way traffic shall ride on the right side of the bicycle way.
 - (c) Every operator of a bicycle entering a bicycle way shall yield the right-of-way to all bicycles and pedestrians in the bicycle way.
- (13) Penalty for Violators.
- (a) Any person 16 years of age or older who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$10.00 or more than \$200.00 plus court costs, and in default of payment of such fine, shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a period not to exceed 30 days.
 - (b) Any person over the age of 14 years and under the age of 16 years who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be fined \$10.00 and no court costs. Such penalty shall be in violation of local Wisconsin Rapids ordinance only.
 - (c) Any bicyclist under the age of 14 years of age who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall have a written warning notice served to the offender's parent or guardian setting forth said violation. For any subsequent violation within one year, said parent or guardian shall be fined \$5.00 plus court costs for the first offense, \$10.00 plus costs for the second offense, and \$25.00 plus costs for the third offense and subsequent offenses. (MC#271)