

Chapter 186

BICYCLES AND SKATEBOARDS

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Hixton 10-6-1987 (Title 8, Ch. 2, of the 1987 Code of Ordinances). Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 186-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

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.

BICYCLE WAY — Any path or sidewalk, or portion thereof, designated for the use of bicycles by the responsible governing body.

BICYCLE LANE — That portion of a roadway set aside for exclusive use of bicycles and so designated by appropriate signs and markings by the responsible governing body.

BIKE ROUTE — Any bicycle lane, bicycle way or highway which has been duly designated by the responsible governing body and identified by appropriate signs and markings.

CARRIER — Any device attached to a bicycle designed for carrying articles.

IDENTIFICATION TAG — A metal plate or sticker indicating that a bicycle is registered.

RIGHT-OF-WAY — The right of one vehicle or pedestrian to proceed in a lawful manner in preference to another vehicle or pedestrian approaching under such circumstances of direction, speed and proximity as to give rise to danger of collision unless one grants precedence to the other.

§ 186-2. Manner of operation restricted.

No bicycle shall be allowed to proceed in any street in the Village by inertia or momentum with the feet of the rider removed from the bicycle pedals. No rider of a bicycle shall remove both hands from the handlebars or practice any trick or fancy riding in any street in the Village nor shall any bicycle rider carry or ride any other person so that two persons are on the bicycle at one time, unless a seat is provided for a second person.

§ 186-3. Lighting and other equipment.

No person shall operate a bicycle upon a highway unless equipped as required in § 347.489, Wis. Stats.

§ 186-4. Parking a bicycle.

No person shall leave a bicycle at such a place or in such a way as to create a hazard to

pedestrians, automobile operators or to anyone else. Bicycles shall be parked either upon the roadway against the curb, in bicycle racks or, if on the sidewalk, in such a manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic, and not in such a manner as to obstruct the ingress and egress to buildings used by the public. If there is no bicycle rack or other facility intended to be used for the parking of bicycles in the vicinity, the operator may park a bicycle on the sidewalk in an upright position parallel to and within 24 inches of the curb.

§ 186-5. Rules of the road.

The provisions of Chs. 346 and 347, Wis. Stats., and applicable Village Ordinances shall govern the operation of bicycles where appropriate.

§ 186-6. Bicycle regulations.

A. Rules for turning.

- (1) The operator of a bicycle intending to turn to the right at an intersection shall approach the point of turning in the traffic lane nearest the right-hand edge or curb of the street and, in turning, shall keep as closely as practicable to the right-hand edge or curb of the highway.
- (2) The operator of a bicycle intending to turn to the left of an intersection or into a private driveway shall make such turn from the traffic lane immediately to the right or next to the center of the street and pass immediately to the left of the center of the intersection, passing as closely as practicable to the left of the center of the intersection immediately to the right of the center of the intersection of the street.
- (3) At any intersection where traffic is controlled by a traffic control signal or by a traffic officer, it shall be unlawful for any such operator of such bicycle upon any street to disobey the instructions of any official traffic sign or signal placed in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin and the Code of the Village of Hixton.
- (4) Crosswalks shall be used when walking a bicycle through an intersection.

B. Trick riding. No person shall operate a bicycle upon the streets of said Village without having manual control of the handlebars or operate a bicycle in any other manner which necessitates the element of unusual extraordinary skill and involves unnecessary risk.

C. Tandem riding. No person shall ride or propel a bicycle on a street in said Village with another person upon said bicycle unless such bicycle is so constructed as to be a tandem bicycle.

D. Emerging from alley or driveway. The operator of a bicycle 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 and, upon entering the roadway, shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on said roadway.

E. Bicycles not to be pulled by moving vehicles. No person riding upon a bicycle shall cling or attach himself or his bicycle to any other moving vehicle upon a street or highway, nor shall the operator of any such bicycle tow or draw any coaster wagon, sled, person on roller skates, toy vehicles or any other similar vehicle on such highway.

- F. Speed. No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under existing conditions or in excess of any posted speed limit.
- G. Operation on sidewalks. No person shall operate or make use of a bicycle on sidewalks in the Village of Hixton.
- H. Parking bicycles. No bicycle shall be parked upon any street or public way except in an upright position in bicycle stalls which are provided therefor. Until such time as sufficient stalls are provided to meet the demand therefor, which determination shall be made by the Police Department, bicycles may be parked in an upright position, parallel to the curbline, in any metered parking stall upon payment of the required coin.

§ 186-7. Skateboards.

No person shall operate a skateboard on the sidewalk in a business district. A "business district" for the purposes of this section is defined as any area containing primarily commercially zoned uses which generate heavy pedestrian traffic during the business hours. Said business district shall have a minimum street frontage of 100 feet. Skateboarding on sidewalks is permitted, except as prohibited in this section and otherwise regulated.

§ 186-8. Violations and penalties.

- A. Any person 16 years of age or older who shall violate any provision of this chapter may be issued a Uniform Traffic Citation and be subject to the penalties provided by the Uniform State Traffic Deposit Schedule.
- B. Any person 14 years of age through 15 years of age who shall violate any provisions of this chapter may be issued a citation and be subject to the penalties provided by the Deposit Schedule and, upon conviction thereof, may be required to forfeit not more than \$25, together with the cost of the prosecution and, in default of such payment, the Court may suspend the child's operating privileges, as defined in § 340.01, Wis. Stats., for not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days.
- C. Any person under 14 years of age who shall violate any provision of this chapter may be issued a special Bicycle Violation Warning Notice along with the following additional actions:
 - (1) First offense in one year: a warning letter sent to the parent or guardian requiring their signature and return of the warning notice to the Police Department.
 - (2) Second offense in the same year: a warning letter mailed to parent or guardian.
 - (3) Third offense in the same year: a mandatory parent-child-police conference.
 - (4) Fourth and subsequent offense in the same year: mandatory referral to Jackson County Juvenile Court.
- D. Any parent or guardian of any child who authorizes or knowingly permits such child to violate any of the provisions of this chapter may be subject to the provisions of § 346.82(1), Wis. Stats.