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§101. DEFINITION.

“Bicycle” includes every device propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels, one of which is over 20 inches in diameter.

(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1)

§102. LICENSE REQUIRED.

Bicycles are not required to be licensed by the Borough. Those wishing to have a bicycle license may obtain one from the Borough by paying the applicable charges.

(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1; as amended by Ord. 291, 8/5/2013, §2)

§103. LICENSE APPLICATION AND FEE.

Application for a bicycle license and sticker shall be made upon a form provided by the Borough and shall be made to the Police Department. A sticker fee, in an amount as established from time to time by resolution of Borough Council, shall be paid to the Borough before each sticker is granted.

(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1)

§104. STICKERS AND CERTIFICATES.

The Borough shall provide metallic stickers together with license certificates, such metallic stickers and license certificates having numbers stamped thereon in numerical order. The Police Department, upon receiving proper application therefor, is authorized and directed to issue a sticker and license certificate which shall be effective until the bicycle is sold or disposed of by the owner in any other manner.

(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1)

§105. APPLICANT MUST BE ENTITLED TO POSSESSION.

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The Police Department shall not issue a license for any bicycle when it knows or has reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant is not the owner of or entitled to the possession of such bicycle.

(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1)

§106. LICENSE RECORDS.

The Police Department shall furnish to the Borough police a record of each license, the date issued, the name of the person to whom issued, the number on the frame of the bicycle for which issued and a record of all bicycle fees collected.

(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1)

§107. ATTACHING STICKERS.

The metallic sticker as issued shall be thinly attached to the frame or rear mud-guard of the bicycle in such a position as to be plainly visible from the rear, and such metallic sticker shall remain attached to the bicycle during the existence of such license.

(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1)

§108. INSPECTION BEFORE LICENSING.

The Police Department shall inspect each bicycle before licensing the same and shall refuse a license for any bicycle which it determines is in an unsafe mechanical condition.

(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1; as amended by Ord. 291, 8/5/2013, §2)

§109. SURRENDER OR TRANSFER OF STICKER.

Upon the sale or other transfer of a licensed bicycle, the licensee shall remove the sticker and shall either surrender the same to the Police Department or may, upon the proper application but without payment of additional fee, have such sticker assigned to another bicycle owned by the applicant.

(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1; as amended by Ord. 291, 8/5/2013, §2)

§110. SUBJECT TO TRAFFIC CODE.

Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall be subject to the provisions of the Traffic Code of this Borough applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations in this Part and except as to those provisions of the Traffic Code which by their nature can have no application.

(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1; as amended by Ord. 291, 8/5/2013, §2)

§111. OBEDIENCE TO SIGNALS, ETC.

Any person operating a bicycle shall obey the instructions of official traffic signals, signs and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1; as amended by Ord. 291, 8/5/2013, §2)

§112. MANNER OF RIDING.

1. A person operating a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, or carry any other person upon such bicycle other than upon a firmly attached and regular seat thereon, nor shall any person ride upon a bicycle other than as above authorized.
2. No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.
3. No person shall operate a bicycle at any time without keeping both hands upon the handlebars.

(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1; as amended by Ord. 291, 8/5/2013, §2)

§113. SPEED.

No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.

(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1; as amended by Ord. 291, 8/5/2013, §2)

§114. RIDING TO RIGHT; PASSING.

Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near the right-hand side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

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(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1; as amended by Ord. 291, 8/5/2013, §2)

§115. YIELDING RIGHT-OF-WAY.

The operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alley way, yield the right-of- way to all pedestrians approaching on such sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on such roadway.

(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1; as amended by Ord. 291, 8/5/2013, §2)

§116. HITCHING TO OTHER VEHICLES PROHIBITED.

No person riding upon any bicycle shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1; as amended by Ord. 291, 8/5/2013, §2)

§117. RIDING MORE THAN TWO ABREAST.

Persons operating bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast, except on paths or parts of roadway set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1; as amended by Ord. 291, 8/5/2013, §2)

§118. CARRYING PACKAGES, ETC.

No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the rider from keeping both hands upon the handlebars.

(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1; as amended by Ord. 291, 8/5/2013, §2)

§119. PARKING.

No person shall park a bicycle upon a street other than upon the roadway against the curb, or upon a sidewalk in a rack to support the bicycle, or against a building, or at the curb in such manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic.

(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1; as amended by Ord. 291, 8/5/2013, §2)

§120. USING PATHS WHEN POSSIBLE.

Wherever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a roadway, bicycle riders shall use the path and shall not use the roadway.

(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1; as amended by Ord. 291, 8/5/2013, §2)

§121. RIDING ON SIDEWALK.

No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within the Borough.

(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1; as amended by Ord. 291, 8/5/2013, §2)

§122. BRAKES.

Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheel skid on a dry, level, clean pavement.

(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1; as amended by Ord. 291, 8/5/2013, §2)

§123. LIGHTS OR REFLECTORS.

Every bicycle, when in use at night, shall be equipped with a lamp on the front exhibiting a headlight visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and with a lamp on the rear exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear.

(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1; as amended by Ord. 291, 8/5/2013, §2)

§124. REMOVING, DESTROYING, ETC., NUMBERS, STICKERS.

No person shall remove, destroy, mutilate or alter the number of any bicycle frame of any bicycle licensed pursuant to this Part. No person shall remove, destroy, mutilate or alter any sticker or license certificate during the time in which such sticker or license certificate is operative. However, nothing in this Part shall prohibit the Police Department 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. 261, 7/1/2002, §1; as amended by Ord. 291, 8/5/2013, §2)

§125. PENALTIES.

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Any person who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to imprisonment for a term not to exceed 30 days. Each day a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 261, 7/1/2002, §1; as amended by Ord. 291, 8/5/2013, §2)