

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15.52,  
ENTITLED "BICYCLES", OF THE BLOOMINGTON  
MUNICIPAL CODE

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 15.52 of the Bloomington Municipal  
Code be amended to read as follows:

15.52.010 APPLICABILITY OF TRAFFIC LAWS.

Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall be granted all  
the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable  
to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations in  
this article, and except as to those provisions of laws and  
ordinances which by their nature can have no application.

15.52.020 OBEDIENCE TO SIGNALS

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

15.52.030 TURN SIGNALS; DISMOUNTING.

At intersections bicycle riders must follow all rules that  
apply to motorized vehicles. (a) On all intersections bicycles  
going straight have the right-of-way over cars and motorcycles  
making a right turn. (b) Bicycles making left turns must give  
the right-of-way to oncoming traffic. Bicycles must always  
be operated in the same direction as the flow of auto traffic,  
unless a two-way bikeway is provided. Stops- A bicycle rider  
must have one foot on the ground or come to a virtual stop  
(1 m.p.h.) at every stop intersection. Turn signals may be  
given by hand as outlined in the motor vehicle code, or  
with electrical devices.

15.52.040 RIDING ON SEAT.

A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than  
astride the permanent and regular seat attached thereto.

15.52.050 NUMBER OF RIDERS

No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time  
than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

15.52.060 RIDING ON ROADWAY - KEEPING TO THE SIDE.

Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as  
near to the side of a roadway as practicable, exercising due care  
when passing a standing vehicle, one proceeding in the same  
direction or when turning left. Operation of a bicycle on posted  
roads is prohibited.

15.52.070 NO MORE THAN TWO ABREAST; EXCEPTION.

Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than  
two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the  
exclusive use of bicycles, or when such riding does not impede the  
normal flow of traffic.

15.52.080 WHEN BICYCLE PATH PROVIDED

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

## 15.52.090 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 approaching on the sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the roadway.

## 15.52.100 CLINGING TO VEHICLES

No person operating a bicycle shall attach it or himself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

## 15.52.110 CARRYING ARTICLES

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

## 15.52.120 PARKING

No person shall park a bicycle except in such a manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

## 15.52.130 PROHIBITED RIDING; SIDEWALKS IN BUSINESS DISTRICT

No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district.

The Chief of Police is authorized to erect signs on any sidewalk or roadway prohibiting the riding of bicycles thereon by any person, and when such signs are in place no person shall disobey same. On any sidewalk pedestrians always have the right of way over bicyclists.

## 15.52.140 EQUIPMENT - LAMPS AND REFLECTORS

Every bicycle rider and or bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp at the front which shall emit a white light and with a red reflector on the rear, of a type which shall be visible to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle, or shall be equipped with a red lamp on the rear which shall emit a red light.

## 15.52.150 BRAKES

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

## 15.52.160 BICYCLE LICENSE - REQUIRED

No person who resides within this city shall ride or propel a bicycle on any street or upon any public path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles unless such bicycle has been licensed and a license plate or decal is attached thereto as provided in section 15.52.220 of this code.

## 15.52.170 BICYCLE LICENSE - APPLICATION

Application for a bicycle and license plate or decal shall be made upon a form provided by the city and shall be made to the city before each license or renewal thereof is granted.

## 15.52.180 BICYCLE LICENSE - ISSUANCE GENERALLY

The city controller, upon receiving proper application therefor is authorized to issue a bicycle license which shall be effective until the succeeding September first.

## 15.52.190 BICYCLE LICENSE - TO SUSPECTED NONOWNER

The city controller shall not issue a license for any bicycle when he knows or has reasonable ground to believe that the application is not the owner of or entitled to the possession of such bicycle.

## 15.52.200 BICYCLE LICENSE - RECORD

The City Controller shall keep a record of the number of each license, the date issued, the name and address of the person to whom issued, and the number on the frame of the bicycle for which issued, and a record of all bicycle license fees collected by him.

## 15.52.210 BICYCLE LICENSE - PLATE OR DECAL ISSUED

The City Controller upon issuing a bicycle license shall also issue a license plate or decal bearing the license number assigned to the bicycle, the name of the City and the dates for which the decal is valid.

## 15.52.220 BICYCLE LICENSE - ATTACHMENT OF PLATE OR DECAL

The licensee shall cause such license plate or decal to be firmly affixed to the frame or fender of the bicycle for which issued.

## 15.52.230 BICYCLE LICENSE - REMOVAL OF PLATE OR DECAL

No person shall remove a license plate or decal from a bicycle during the period for which issued, except upon a transfer of ownership or in the event the bicycle is dismantled and no longer operated upon any street in this City.

## 15.52.240 BICYCLE LICENSE - RELICENSING

In the event the license plate or decal becomes unserviceable, the bicycle must be relicensed.

## 15.520.250 BICYCLE LICENSE - RENEWAL

Upon the expiration of any bicycle license such license may be renewed upon application.

## 15.520.260 RENTAL AGENCIES; REGULATIONS TO BE FOLLOWED

A rental agency shall not rent or offer any bicycle for rent unless the bicycle is licensed and a license plate or decal is attached thereto as provided in this article.

## 15.520.270 DEALERS; REPORTS TO POLICE

Every person engaged in the business of buying or selling new or secondhand bicycles shall make a report to the Chief of Police of every bicycle purchased or sold by such dealer, giving the name and address of the person from whom purchased or to whom sold, a description of such bicycle by name or make, the frame number thereof, and the number of the license plate or decal, if any, found thereon. The City will provide forms for registration.

## 15.520.280 PENALTY FOR VIOLATION

Any person violating the provisions of this chapter which are also provided for in the Indiana Motor Vehicle Code shall be issued a Uniform Traffic Ticket and shall be subject to the penalties provided for by the Indiana State Statutes. Any person violating provisions of this chapter which are exclusively City Ordinances shall be subject to a fine of two dollars (\$2.00) for the first such violation and a fine of five dollars (\$5.00) for any subsequent violation committed within twelve months of the first.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, signature and publication in accordance with the law.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, on the 2nd day of November, 1972.

ATTEST:

Grace E. Johnson

Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk

Charlotte T. Zietlow

Charlotte T. Zietlow, President

Common Council

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Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, on the 3 day of November, 1972, at the hour of 9 o'clock 11 .m.

Grace E. Johnson  
Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk

This ordinance approved and signed by me upon the 3 day of November, 1972, at the hour of 9 o'clock, A .m.

Francis X. McCloskey  
Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk

INTRODUCED BY:

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REFERRED TO COUNCIL COMMITTEE:

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APPROVED AS TO LEGALITY:

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