

**CHAPTER 73: BICYCLES**

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**§ 73.01 PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY; APPLICABILITY OF REGULATIONS.**

(A) The parent of any child and the guardian of any ward shall not authorize or knowingly permit any child or ward to violate any of the provisions of this chapter.

(B) These regulations applicable to bicycles shall apply whenever a bicycle is operated upon any street or upon any public path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, subject to those exceptions stated herein.

*Penalty, see § 70.99*

**§ 73.02 TRAFFIC LAWS APPLY.**

Every person riding a bicycle 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 this state declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles or by this title applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations in this chapter and except as to those provisions of laws and ordinances which by their nature can have no application.

*Penalty, see § 70.99*

**§ 73.03 OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES.**

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

(B) Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right or left or U-turn is permitted, no person operating a bicycle shall disobey the direction of any sign, except where the person dismounts from the bicycle to make any turn, in which event the person shall then obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians.

*Penalty, see § 70.99*

#### **§ 73.04 RIDING ON BICYCLES.**

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

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

*Penalty, see § 70.99*

#### **§ 73.05 ROADWAYS AND BICYCLE PATHS.**

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

(B) 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.

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

*Penalty, see § 70.99*

#### **§ 73.06 SPEED.**

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

*Penalty, see § 70.99*

#### **§ 73.07 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 handlebars.

*Penalty, see § 70.99*

#### **§ 73.08 RIDING ON SIDEWALKS; YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS.**

**(A)** No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district of the town, where posted.

**(B)** The Police Chief is authorized to erect signs on any roadway prohibiting the riding of bicycles thereon by any person, and when these signs are in place no person shall disobey the signs.

**(C)** Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, that person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing the pedestrian.

***Penalty, see § 70.99***