

CHAPTER 2

Bicycles

SEC. 10-2-1 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this Chapter:

- (a) **BICYCLE** means every device propelled by the feet upon pedals and having wheels, any two (2) of which are not less than fourteen (14) inches in diameter.
- (b) **BICYCLES' LANE** means 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.
- (c) **BIKE ROUTE** means any bicycle lane, bicycle way or highway which has been duly designated by the responsible governing body and identified by appropriate signs and markings.
- (d) **BICYCLE WAY** means any path or sidewalk, or portion thereof, designated for the use of bicycles by the responsible governing body.
- (e) **CARRIER** means any device attached to a bicycle designed for carrying articles.
- (f) **IDENTIFICATION TAG** means a metal plate or sticker indicating that a bicycle is registered.
- (g) **RIGHT-OF-WAY** means 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.

SEC. 10-2-2 MANNER OF OPERATION RESTRICTED.

No bicycle shall be allowed to proceed in any street in the City 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 City nor shall any bicycle rider carry or ride any other person so that two (2) persons are on the bicycle at one time, unless a seat is provided for a second person. Operators shall not ride bicycles abreast.

SEC. 10-2-3 LIGHTING AND OTHER EQUIPMENT.

No person shall operate a bicycle upon a highway unless equipped as required in Sec. 347.81, Wis. Stats., between one-half (1/2) hour after sunset and one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise.

SEC. 10-2-4 PARKING A BICYCLE.

- (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) **RIDING ON SIDEWALKS.**
 - (1) No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district, except riding on bridge sidewalks is permitted on the east side only.
 - (2) No person eleven (11) years of age or more shall ride a bicycle upon the sidewalks of any district.

SEC. 10-2-7 REGISTRATION OF BICYCLES.

- (a) **REGISTRATION OF BICYCLES.** No person shall operate or possess a bicycle upon any street, sidewalk, public property, bicycle pathway or public highway within the City of Menasha unless said bicycle shall first have been registered and an identification tag attached.
- (b) **FORM OF REGISTRATION.**
 - (1) Every owner of a bicycle shall list and register with the Police Department their name, address, manufacturer's, model type, identification number, color and general description.
 - (2) The registration period for a bicycle shall be permanent for any bicycle registered after January 1, 1989.
 - (3) The City shall issue registration tags to residents at no charge so long as ownership of the bicycle is retained. Any transfer of ownership shall require a new registration unless such transfer is within the immediate family of the original registrant.
 - (4) Upon registration the City shall provide a suitable registration tag numbered to correspond with the registration number. The owner shall attach the registration tag to the frame of the bicycle as specified by the Police Department.
 - (5) The replacement of the frame on a bicycle shall require a new registration.
- (c) **RECORDS AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEES.**
 - (1) The Police Department shall maintain a registration program consisting of all applications and registrations.
- (d) **CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP.**
 - (1) An owner shall notify the Police Department that a bicycle has been permanently removed from the City or has been dismantled and taken out of operation within 10 days. Upon such notice, the information will be removed from the registry.
- (e) **REGISTRATION TO BE DISPLAYED.**

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Comments: I have two questions that I was hoping you might answer, although it might take someone with more "institutional memory" to do that.

Imagine that you are riding a bike east on Main St. and turn (R) south onto Racine, intending to cross the river and go down to the parking lot near the dam. As you turn (R) onto the bridge, there is , immediately, a sign indicating that bikes are not allowed on the western sidewalk. They are also clearly not allowed on the road over the bridge. All bikes in both directions are required to use the eastern sidewalk.

Question 1] Does anyone remember why that sign was first placed?

I'm guessing it was placed years ago to allow workers from Banta to access downtown without encountering bikes on the sidewalk. If that's the case, the sign seems to have outlived its usefulness. There are more bikes these days and, sadly, no more Banta employees walking to lunch downtown.

Question 2] Can you remove the sign?

When intending to turn sharp (R) at the bottom of the bridge and approach the dam, I don't see why one is required to cross Racine St. twice in one block for no apparent reason. Until SOMEday, when we have a bridge that has room for everyone, wouldn't it make more sense to have "one-way" bikes on each side of the bridge? All bikes stay right. Go north on the eastern side of the bridge; go south on the other side. I don't see the benefit in having bikes going in opposite directions and meeting on one narrow sidewalk.

If there's no one who remembers why that sign was placed there, maybe we don't need it anymore.

Any ideas? Thank you. PK