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76.01 SCOPE OF REGULATIONS. These regulations 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. In addition, this chapter regulates the use of in-line skates, roller skates, skateboards, coasters and similar devices.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236 [10])

76.02 TRAFFIC CODE APPLIES. 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 the State declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles or by the traffic code of the City applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application. Whenever such person dismounts from a bicycle the person shall be subject to all regulations applicable to pedestrians.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.234)

76.03 DOUBLE RIDING RESTRICTED. A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto. No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.234 [3 and 4])

76.04 TWO ABREAST LIMIT. Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two (2) abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236 [10])

76.05 BICYCLE PATHS. 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.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236 [10])

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

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236 [10])

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

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236 [10])

76.08 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 handle bars.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236 [10])

76.09 BICYCLES ON SIDEWALKS. Riding bicycles is prohibited on sidewalks in the following locations:

1. Business District. Upon a sidewalk within the Business District, as defined in Section 60.02(1) of this Code of Ordinances.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236 [10])

2. School Zones. Upon a sidewalk in a school zone.

3. Other Locations. When signs are erected on any sidewalk or roadway prohibiting such use.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236 [10])

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

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236 [10])

76.10 SKATE, SKATEBOARD AND COASTER RESTRICTIONS. The riding or use of skates, skateboards, coasters or similar devices within the corporate limits of the City shall be subject to the following:

1. No person shall ride or use such devices at any time on any street, sidewalk, plaza area or public parking lot in the Business District as defined in Section 60.02(1) of this Code of Ordinances.

2. No person shall ride or use such devices on a street in a residential district or area which runs parallel to a hard-surface sidewalk.

3. No person shall ride or use such devices in a publicly owned parking lot.

4. All persons using or riding such devices within the City shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian using the same sidewalk.

5. All persons using or riding such devices on any street or alley shall:

A. Observe all traffic regulations, laws and ordinances.

B. Stay as near to the side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

6. No person shall use or ride such devices on privately-owned parking lots unless written permission has been obtained from the owner(s).

7. No person shall use or ride such devices on any sidewalk abutting a business.

76.11 TOWING. It is unlawful for any person riding a bicycle to be towed or to tow any other vehicle upon the streets of the City unless the vehicle is manufactured for such use.

76.12 IMPROPER RIDING. No person shall ride a bicycle in an irregular or reckless manner such as zigzagging, stunting, speeding or otherwise so as to disregard the safety of the operator or others.

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

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236 [10])

76.14 EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS. Every person riding a bicycle shall be responsible for providing and using equipment as provided herein:

1. Lamps Required. Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least three hundred (300) feet to the front and with a lamp on the rear exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of three hundred (300) feet to the rear except that a red reflector on the rear, of a type which shall be visible from all distances from fifty (50) feet to three hundred (300) feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle, may be used in lieu of a rear light.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.397)

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

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236 [10])

76.15 SPECIAL PENALTY. Any person violating the provisions of this chapter will be issued a simple notice of a fine in the amount of five dollars (\$5.00).

CHAPTER 77
BICYCLE LICENSING

77.01 License Required
77.02 License Plates or Decals

77.03 Maintenance of License Records

77.01 LICENSE REQUIRED. No person who resides within the 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 herein.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236 [10])

1. License Application. Application for a bicycle license and license plate or decal shall be made upon a form provided by the City and shall be made to the Clerk. A license fee of two dollars (\$2.00) shall be paid to the City before each license is granted.

2. Issuance of License. The Clerk, upon receiving proper application therefore is authorized to issue a bicycle license which shall be effective immediately.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13 [4])

77.02 LICENSE PLATES OR DECALS. License plates or decals are required as follows:

1. Issued. The Clerk, upon issuing a bicycle license, shall also issue a license plate or decal bearing the license number assigned to the bicycle and the name of the City.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13 [4])

2. Attached to Bicycle. The Clerk shall cause such license plate or decal to be firmly attached to the bicycle for which issued in such position as to be plainly seen from the rear.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236 [10])

3. Removal. No person shall remove a license plate or decal from a bicycle during the period for which issued unless said bicycle is dismantled and no longer operated upon any street in the City.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236 [10])

4. Lost License. In the event a license plate or decal shall be lost, destroyed or stolen, the owner shall report such to the Clerk immediately. A new license shall be issued upon payment of a fee of two dollars (\$2.00).

77.03 MAINTENANCE OF LICENSE RECORDS. The Clerk 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.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13 [4])