

ARTICLE XII REGULATIONS FOR BICYCLES

Sec. 12.1 TRAFFIC LAWS APPLY TO PERSONS RIDING BICYCLES

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 the traffic regulations of this city applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations in this article and except as to those provisions of laws and regulations which by their nature can have no application.

Sec. 12.2 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 such sign, except where such person dismounts from the bicycle to make any such turn, in which event such person shall then obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians.

Sec. 12.3 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.

Sec. 12.4 RIDING ON ROADWAYS AND BICYCLE PATHS

- (a) Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right 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 such path and shall not use the roadway.

Sec. 12.5 EMERGING FROM ALLEY OR DRIVEWAY

The driver 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.

Sec. 12.6 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.

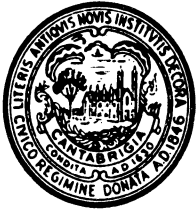
Sec. 12.7 PARKING

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, against a building, or at the curb, in such manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic.

Sec. 12.8

LAMPS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT ON BICYCLES

- (a) Every bicycle when in use during the period from one half an hour after sunset to one half an hour before sunrise, shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear of a type which shall be visible from all distances from 50 feet to 300 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.
- (b) No person shall operate a bicycle unless it is equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least 100 feet, except that a bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.
- (c) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement.



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To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to City Council Order No. 1 of September 21, 1987, Article XII of the Rules and Regulations for the Traffic Department covers traffic regulations for bicyclists in the City of Cambridge (see attached). These regulations are the same as those promulgated by the state. The Police Department will continue to enforce regulations against double parking throughout the City.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Agenda Item No. 7 S-562

Re: traffic regulations for bicyclists in the
City of Cambridge.

In City Council,
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