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CROSS REFERENCES

Bicycles in Parks: Section 931.02

517.01 DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases, when used in this Article, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- a.) Abreast: So that a part of the bicycle is opposite or along side of another bicycle or vehicle being operated in the same direction.
- b.) Bicycle: A vehicle having a saddle for the use of the rider and designed to be propelled by muscular power and to travel on not more than two wheels in contact with the ground.
- c.) Department: The Police Department of the City of Franklin.
- d.) Highway: Every way or place, of whatever nature, in the City of Franklin open to the use of the public as a matter of right for the purposes of vehicular traffic.
- e.) Operator: The person who is in actual physical control of a bicycle upon a highway.

- f.) Owner: The person holding the legal title; the lessee under a bailment lease; and the vendee under a conditional sales agreement.
- g.) Person: Every natural person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation.
- h.) Sidewalk: Every way, place or space of whatever nature in the City of Franklin, excepting highways, open to the public as a matter of right and provided for use by pedestrians. (Ord. 3 of 1990, Sect. 1, Passed 4-2-90)
- i.) Traffic: Pedestrians and vehicles, either singly or together, while using a highway for purposes of travel.
- j.) Traffic Sign: A device, mark, marker, board, plate, light or other contrivance, designed for the purpose of guiding traffic or informing of a traffic regulation.
- k.) Traffic Signal: A device using words or colored lights, or a combination thereof, either manually or electrically controlled, by which traffic shall alternately be directed to stop and go. (Ord. 798, Sect. 1, Passed 11-29-39)

517.02 NOT ALLOWED ON SIDEWALKS

The riding of bicycles in any of the parks of the City bounded by South Park, Elk Street, West Park and Liberty Streets, hereinafter designated the "City Parks" for the purpose of this ordinance, is prohibited. (Ord. 4 of 1988, Sect. 2, Passed 05-16-88) (Ord. 3 of 1990, Sect. 1, Passed 04-02-90) (Ord. 5 of 2003, Sect. 1, Passed 05-19-03)

517.03 BICYCLES MUST BE REGISTERED

The owner of a bicycle may register the bicycle with the Department as herein provided. If the owner chooses to register the bicycle, the registration sticker must be displayed on the bicycle. (Ord. 798, Sect. 2, Passed 11-29-30) (Ord. 4 of 1988, Sect. 2, Passed 05-16-88) (Ord. 5 of 2003, Sect. 2, Passed 5-19-03)

517.04 APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

Application for the registration of a bicycle shall be made upon a form furnished by the Department and shall contain the full name and the actual bona fide address of the owner or owners, together with the name, manufacturer's number or other identification number, name of the person from whom purchased, and such other information as the Department shall require to effect the intent of this Article. The application shall be signed by the owner. The registration shall be renewed each calendar year by application upon a form to be furnished by the Department. (Ord. 798, Sect. 2, Passed 11-29-39)

517.05 ISSUANCE OF REGISTRATION STICKER

The Department, being satisfied as to the genuineness and regularity of an application, shall register the bicycle therein described and the name of the owner thereof in a suitable record under (1) a distinctive registration number, (2) alphabetically under the name of the owner, and (3) numerically and alphabetically under the manufacturer's or other identification number, and the name or make of the bicycle. The Department shall furnish to

the owner a registration sticker having displayed upon it the registration number assigned to the bicycle and any other identification the Department deems necessary. (Ord. 798, Sect. 2, Passed 11-29-39)

517.06 CHANGE OF ADDRESS

It shall be the duty of the owner to notify the Department within forty-eight hours of a change of name or address and give the correct name and address. No person shall operate or allow another person to operate a bicycle registered hereunder when the name or address of the owner is not identical with the actual name and address of such owner, unless the owner has notified the Department as provided herein. (Ord. 798, Sect. 2, Passed 11-29-39)

517.07 DUPLICATE STICKERS

In the event a registration sticker is destroyed or becomes illegible, the owner shall apply to the Department for a substitute or duplicate registration number and sticker within forty-eight hours. (Ord. 798, Sect. 2, Passed 11-29-39)

517.08 REASONS FOR REFUSAL TO REGISTER

The Department shall not register a bicycle when the applicant neglects or refuses to furnish the information required in the official form, and reasonable additional information required by the Department, or if the bicycle has no manufacturer's serial or other identification number and the owner refuses to stamp or affix thereto a permanent identification number prescribed by the Department. (Ord. 798, Sect. 2, Passed 11-29-39)

517.09 EXPIRATION DATE

All registrations shall expire June 30th or immediately upon the transfer of ownership, but registration for the succeeding year may be used on or after June 15th of the current year. (Ord. 798, Sect. 2, Passed 11-29-39)

517.10 MUST HAVE OWN REGISTRATION

No bicycle shall be operated under any registration sticker other than that of its own registration. (Ord. 798, Sect. 2, Passed 11-29-39)

517.11 FREE OF CHARGE

No fees shall be charged for the registration of bicycles so long as a suitable sponsor for the program of bicycle registration is available.

517.12 BICYCLES USE RIGHT LANE

The operator of a bicycle shall drive the same upon the right half of the highway and as closely as possible to the right hand edge or curb of said highway except when overtaking and passing another vehicle. (Ord. 798, Sect. 2, Passed 11-29-39)

517.13 RECKLESS DRIVING ON BICYCLE

Reckless driving on a bicycle is unlawful, and for the purpose of this Article, is construed to include the following:(Ord. 3 of 1990, Sect. 1, Passed 4-2-90)

- (a) Any person who operates a bicycle upon a highway or sidewalk carelessly and willfully, or wantonly disregarding the rights and safety of others, or in a manner so as to endanger any person or property. (Ord. 2 of 1990, Sect. 1, Passed 4/2-90)
- (b) (REPEALED BY ORD. 5 OF 2003, Sect. 3, Passed 5-19-03)
- (c) Any person who operates any bicycle upon a highway or a sidewalk during the period from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise which is not equipped with a lighted lamp on the front thereof, visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of at least five hundred feet in front of such bicycle, and a red reflector or lamp on the rear exhibiting or reflecting a red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the rear of such bicycle.
- (d) Any person who operates any bicycle upon a public highway while the operator holds to or the bicycle is towed by a motor vehicle of any type or description. (Ord. 2 of 1990, Sect. 1, Passed 4-2-90)
- (e) Any person who operates any bicycle upon a public highway contrary to the directions of a traffic sign or traffic signal.
- (f) Any person who operates any bicycle upon a public highway or a sidewalk with both hands off the handle bars or while the operator is riding upon the handle bars or while another person is upon the handle bars, frame or fender of said bicycle.
- (g) Any person who operates any bicycle within the City limits which is not equipped with a horn warning device in good working order capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than two hundred feet.
- (h) Any person who operates bicycle upon a public highway or a sidewalk abreast of another bicycle or other vehicle, except in passing. (Ord. 4 of 1988, Sect. 4, Passed 5-16-88) (Ord. 3 of 1990, Sect. 1, Passed 4-2-90)

517.14 MARKINGS MUST BE CLEAR

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a.) Remove, destroy, deface, mutilate or alter the frame number, registration sticker, manufacturer's number or other identification numberplate, or seal of a bicycle;
or

- b.) Own or have in his possession a bicycle with the frame number, registration number, manufacturer's or other identification number, name plate or seal removed, destroyed, defaced, mutilated or altered unless the same has been previously reported to the Department. (Ord. 798, Sect. 7, Passed 11-29-39)

517.15 OWNER'S RESPONSIBLE

It shall be unlawful for a person who is the owner of a bicycle to permit another person to operate a bicycle in violation of a provision of this Article. (Ord. 798, Sect. 8, Passed 11-29-39)

517.99 PENALTIES

A person violating a provision of this Article shall, upon conviction thereof before a Magistrate in a proceeding in the form directed by law for summary convictions be punished by a fine of \$5.00, and, in default of the payment of said fine and the costs of said proceeding, said person shall be imprisoned in the jail of the County of Venango or the jail of the City of Franklin for a period of five days. All fees and fines collected by the Department under this Article shall be paid into the General Fund of the City. (Ord. 798, Sect. 9, Passed 11-29-39)