

## **ARTICLE XIV. BICYCLES**

### **§ 32-479. Riding on roadways and bicycle paths generally.**

- (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 a vehicle 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) If usable paths for bicycles are provided adjacent to a roadway, bicycle riders shall use such paths and shall not use the roadway.
- (d) Whenever a bicycle lane has been established on a roadway, any person operating a bicycle upon the roadway at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction shall ride within the bicycle lane, except that such person may move out of the lane under any of the following situations:
  - (1) whenever overtaking or passing another bicycle, vehicle or pedestrian within the lane or about to enter the lane if such overtaking and passing cannot be done safely within the lane.
  - (2) when preparing for a turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.
  - (3) when reasonably necessary to leave the bicycle lane to avoid debris or other hazardous conditions.

### **§ 32-490. Lamps and equipment on bicycles.**

- (a) Bicycles 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 500 feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear of a type which shall be visible from 50 feet to 300 feet to the rear. 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) A bicycle shall not be equipped with, nor shall any person use, any siren or whistle upon a bicycle.

- (c) Bicycles shall be equipped with a brake, which will enable the operator to make the braked wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

**§ 32-483. Leaving bicycle lanes.**

No person operating a bicycle shall leave a bicycle lane until the movement can be made with reasonable safety and then only after giving an appropriate signal.

**§ 32-484. Motor vehicles in bicycle lanes.**

Whenever a bicycle lane has been established on a roadway any person operating a motor vehicle on such a roadway shall not drive in the bicycle lane except to park where parking is permitted, to enter or leave the roadway or to prepare for a turn.

**§ 32-480. Manner of riding bicycle.**

- (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 than persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

**§ 32-478. Obedience to traffic control devices.**

- (a) Any person operating a bicycle shall obey the instructions of official traffic control signs, and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.
- (b) Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that a turning movement is restricted no person operating a bicycle shall disobey the direction of any such sign, except where that person dismounts from the bicycle to make the turn, in which event such person shall then obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians.
- (c) No person shall ride or operate a bicycle in any direction except that permitted of vehicular traffic traveling on the same side of the roadway.

**§ 32-477. Application of traffic laws to bicycles.**

Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of this State and the traffic provisions of this Code applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations in this article and except as to those provisions of laws and ordinances which by their nature are inapplicable to such persons.

**§ 32-487. Riding on sidewalks.**

- (a) No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district.
- (b) The Director is authorized to order the erection of signs on any sidewalk or roadway prohibiting the riding of bicycles thereon by any person and when such signs are in place no person shall disobey them. Such an order shall be based upon the public health, safety and welfare.
- (c) Persons riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing any pedestrian.

**§ 32-485. Bicycles emerging from alleys or driveways; yielding right-of-way.**

The operator of a bicycle emerging from any alley, driveway, or building, shall, upon approaching a sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on the sidewalk or sidewalk area. Upon entering the roadway the operator shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the roadway.

**Restrictions on the Bricktown Canal:**

**§ 38-602. Bicycles, roller blades, roller skates and skateboard restriction, prohibition and exception; and helmet requirement.**

- (a) Except where expressly permitted by signs posted by the City, no person shall operate, ride upon, or propel any bicycle, tricycle, velocipede, roller blades, roller skates or skateboard on or over any sidewalk, balcony, walkway, path, plaza, or parking area within the area bounded by East Sheridan Avenue on the north, Mickey Mantle Drive on the east, East Reno Avenue on the south, and the BNSF railroad tracks on the west, inclusive of the sidewalks on both sides of said streets.
- (b) Persons may operate, ride upon, or propel any bicycle, tricycle, and velocipede on or over any dedicated public street or alley and on

designated bike trails south of East Reno Avenue, if operated in conformance with the applicable provision of this Code.

- (c) No person shall operate, ride upon, or propel any roller blades, roller skates or skateboard on or over any dedicated public street or alley within the area bounded by East Sheridan Avenue on the north, Mickey Mantle Drive on the east, East Reno Avenue on the south, and the BNSF railroad tracks on the west, inclusive of said streets.
- (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any public street, walkway, sidewalk, alley, path, plaza, or parking area, which has been closed and/or set aside for the purpose of a community event, celebration, or festival for which a revocable permit delineating an express exception to this section has been approved by the City.
- (e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any police officer, security officer, or employee authorized by the City and acting within the scope of their employment.
- (f) Every person operating, riding upon, or propelling any bicycle, tricycle, velocipede, roller blades, roller skates or skateboard upon municipally owned land, if permitted by the City in accordance with this section, shall wear a crash helmet while operating, riding or propelling such vehicle, board, blades or skates. Crash helmets must comply with standards adopted by the Department of Public Safety.