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PART II CODE OF ORDINANCES

Chapter 82 TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES*

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Sec. 82-161. Definitions.

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

B-1 business district means that part of Austin Avenue bounded on the east by Carson Street and on the west by Jefferson Street.

B-2 business district means that part of Superior Street and the area one block to the east thereof and one block to the west thereof bounded on the north by Vine Street and on the south by Ash Street.

Bicycle means and includes a vehicle with two tandem wheels or three wheels not tandem, solid or pneumatic tires, having a steering bar or wheel, a saddle seat and propelled by human power.

Operate means the use, putting into action or causing to function of a bicycle or a skateboard by a person mounted thereon.

Skateboard means a single platform mounted on wheels which is propelled solely by human power and which has no mechanism or other device with which to steer or control the movement or direction of the platform.

(b) In addition to the definitions in subsection (a) of this section, any applicable definitions of this Code shall be deemed to be included in this section.

(Code 1984, § 27-90; Ord. No. 1986-4, § 2, 7-21-86; Ord. No. 1990-4, § 2, 8-20-90)

Cross reference(s)--Definitions generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 82-162. Penalty.

Every person convicted of a violation of any section of this article shall be punished in accordance with section 1-25 or by removal and defention of the license plate from such person's bicycle for a period not to exceed ten days or by impounding of such person's bicycle or skateboard for a period not to exceed ten days or by any combination thereof.

(Code 1984, § 27-86; Ord. No. 1990-4, § 2, 8-20-90)

Sec. 82-163. Bicycle license.

(a) No person shall operate or propel a bicycle upon the streets, sidewalks or other public places without a license having been first obtained by the owner thereof and a license plate or tag attached to the bicycle.

(b) An application for a license must be filed with the city clerk giving the name and address of the owner of the bicycle, together with the description of the bicycle including its name, serial number and any number, letter or sign by which the bicycle may be identified. The city clerk shall keep a record of the number of each license, the date issued, the name and address of the person to whom issued, the identifying number or description of the bicycle for which issued and a record of all license fees collected. A license fee or any portion thereof as prescribed by the city council shall be paid to the city clerk before each license and license plate or tag is issued. All licenses issued shall be for a term of three years. However, if any license is issued and transferred during any such three-year term, it shall terminate on such date.

(c) The license tag or plate shall be firmly fastened on the bicycle in such place and in such manner as shall be decided upon by the director of public safety and kept there throughout the period of time covered by the license. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, destroy, mutilate or alter any license tag or plate or registration card during the time in which such license plate or registration card is operative. It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully or maliciously remove, destroy, mutilate or alter the number of any bicycle frame licensed pursuant to this article.

(d) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the department of public safety from stamping numbers on the frames of bicycles on which no serial number can be found or on which such number is illegible or insufficient for identification purposes.

(e) A transfer of ownership and registration may be made upon application to the city clerk and payment of a fee to be determined by resolution of the city council. If the owner of the bicycle is a minor, the application for registration and license transfer shall be signed, not only by the minor, but also by a parent or guardian of the minor.

(Code 1984, § 27-87)

Sec. 82-164. Reports by secondhand dealers.

Any person who deals in the business of purchasing and selling secondhand bicycles shall report his monthly purchases and sales to the department of public safety and shall furnish such other information as the department of public safety may require.

(Code 1984, § 27-88)

Sec. 82-165. Operating bicycles.

(a) No person shall operate a bicycle on the public sidewalks in either the B-1 or B-2 business district.

(b) No person shall operate a bicycle on the public sidewalks where such operation is prohibited by sign.

(Code 1984, § 27-91; Ord. No. 1986-4, § 2, 7-21-86)

Sec. 82-166. Operating skateboards.

(a) Skateboarding shall be prohibited on any roadway or in the bike lane of any roadway:

_____ (1) Having a grade of six percent or more.

_____ (2) When a volume or speed of the vehicular traffic or the width of the roadway renders the roadway unsafe or unsuitable for skateboarding.

_____ (3) In any B-1 or B-2 business district.

(b) The public works department is authorized to erect official traffic control devices on those roadways where skateboarding is prohibited by request of the chief of public safety.

(c) Skateboarding shall be prohibited upon any sidewalk in any portion of this city specifically designated as a B-1 or B-2 business district. Skateboarding shall be permitted on bike paths and all other sidewalks within the city.

(d) Notwithstanding their status as pedestrians, skateboard operators on sidewalks and bike paths shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicular and to all other nonskateboard pedestrian traffic upon the sidewalk or bike path.

(e) Skateboard operators on roadways or bike paths shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to nonskateboard pedestrians.

(f) Skateboard operators shall wear protective coverings for their hands, knees, elbows and heads when operating a skateboard and shall not operate a skateboard while barefoot.

(g) No more than one person shall operate or ride on a skateboard at one time.

(Code 1984, § 27-92; Ord. No. 1990-4, § 2, 8-20-90)

Secs. 82-167--82-195. Reserved.

