UNIVERSITY BICYCLE ORDINANCES
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

This Code applies to all faculty, staff and students of the University, those working on campus but not employed by the University, and visitors to the Campus.

CHAPTER 1

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1. **Code**, when unmodified, means “University Bicycle Ordinances.”

1.2. **Bicycle** means any one-, two-, three-, or four-wheeled device propelled by human power that has a wheel or wheels 16 inches or greater in diameter, not including wheelchairs.

1.3. **Bicycle Lane** means an on-street lane marked for the use of Bicycles using symbols or markings as indicated in Chapter 6.

1.4. **Bicycle Path** means an off-street Pathway, marked for exclusive use by Bicycles using symbols or markings as indicated in Chapter 6.

1.5. **Shared Use Path** means an off-street Pathway, more than 8 feet in width, maintained for the shared use of pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized transportation.

1.6. **Sidewalk** means an off-street unmarked Pathway less than or equal to 8 feet in width, maintained for the primary use of pedestrians.

1.7. **Campus** means University property within the University District, as defined by the Champaign Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study (CUUATS).

1.8. **Operator** means any person who operates or is in actual physical control of a Bicycle.

1.9. **Parking** means the leaving of a Bicycle unattended.

1.10. **Boot** means a lock or other device placed on a Bicycle by an authority that must be removed before the Bicycle can be operated.

1.11. **Pathway** means any paved public way other than a Roadway which is maintained by the University.

1.12. **Roadway** means any public road on which motor vehicles are permitted to travel.
1.13. **School Day** means a day or a fraction of a day on which academic classes or finals are officially in session according to the Senate academic calendar available from [http://senate.illinois.edu/a_calendar.asp](http://senate.illinois.edu/a_calendar.asp).


1.15. **Stop** means complete cessation from motion.

1.16. **Traffic Control Device.** A sign, signal, marking, or device used to regulate, warn, or guide traffic, placed on, over, or adjacent to a street, Roadway, or Pathway by authority of a public agency having jurisdiction.

1.17. **University** means the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**CHAPTER 2**

2. **REGISTRATION OF BICYCLES**

2.1. **Registration.** Bicycles owned by students, staff members, or faculty members, which are parked or operated on Campus, shall be registered with the University, using the registration instructions available at [http://go.illinois.edu/MyBike](http://go.illinois.edu/MyBike). Each Bicycle must be registered separately. Registration of a Bicycle will not be considered complete until the registration sticker issued to the Bicycle owner has been affixed to the Bicycle as described in paragraph 2.2.

2.2. **Registration Sticker.** As part of the registration instructions referenced in paragraph 2.1, Bicycle owners shall be provided with instructions to attain a numbered registration sticker and for affixing the registration sticker to the registered Bicycle.

   a. The registration sticker is nontransferable (either between persons or bicycles) and shall be affixed only to the Bicycle for which it was assigned and shall be affixed:

      (1) with the sticker’s own adhesive,

      (2) with the numerals upright, and

      (3) to the forward half of the seat tube or rear upright frame bar which supports the seat.

   b. If a registration sticker becomes damaged or broken, or if the owner acquires a new bicycle, then the owner must acquire a replacement sticker within five School Days after the cause necessitating the replacement has occurred.

2.3. **Timing.** Bicycles shall be registered within 15 School Days of the beginning of the semester in which they are parked or operated on campus. Bicycles which change ownership may not rely on the previous registration, but must be re-registered. If the
change of ownership occurs during an academic semester, the Bicycle must be registered by the new owner within five School Days of the change of ownership.

2.4. **Effective Period.** A Bicycle registration shall be effective once a valid and accurate registration is completed and the registration sticker is affixed to the Bicycle, and shall endure as long as the Bicycle is under the same ownership and the registration sticker is affixed correctly.

2.5. **No Fee.** There is no fee for registering a Bicycle and obtaining a registration sticker.

2.6. **Reporting of Lost or Stolen Bicycles.** Each owner of a registered Bicycle shall notify the University Police if a registered Bicycle is lost or stolen, so as to aid in the identification of the Bicycle’s owner if the Bicycle is later discovered.

**CHAPTER 3**

**3. EQUIPMENT REQUIRED**

3.1. **Unsafe Bicycles Prohibited.** No person shall operate a Bicycle on the Campus which is in such an unsafe condition as to endanger any person or property.

3.2. **Brakes.** Every Bicycle shall be equipped with a brake or brakes which will adequately control movement of and stop and hold such Bicycle.

3.3. **Lighting Equipment.** Every Bicycle, when operated on the Campus during the period from dusk to dawn, shall be equipped with, at minimum:

   a. at the front, an operational lamp which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet in front of such Bicycle, and

   b. at the rear, a red reflector at least 2 inches in diameter which shall be visible from distances of 100 to 600 feet and capable of reflecting the head-lamp beams of an approaching motor vehicle back to the operator of such approaching motor vehicle. In addition, a bicycle may have a lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet.

**CHAPTER 4**

**4. GENERAL RULES OF OPERATION**

4.1. **Required Obedience to Traffic Laws.** Any person operating a bicycle on a Campus Roadway or Pathway shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all the laws covering the movement and operation of Bicycles by the Illinois Vehicle Code and local relevant municipal ordinances.
4.2. **Operator Riding Requirements.** A person operating a Bicycle shall at all times have at least one hand in contact with the handlebars and keep their feet in contact with the pedals and shall ride only while either sitting on the permanent and regular seat or while standing on the pedals.

4.3. **Carrying Articles.** No person operating a Bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the use of both hands in the control and operation of the Bicycle. A person operating a Bicycle shall keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all times.

4.4. **Passenger Riding Requirements.** No Bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

4.5. **Traffic Signals and Traffic Signs.** Individuals operating a Bicycle shall obey automatic traffic signals and all traffic signs.

4.6. **Clinging to Vehicles.** No person, while operating a Bicycle, shall attach the Bicycle or himself or herself to any other moving vehicle.

4.7. **Riding Abreast.** Persons may ride 2 or more abreast in Pathways only where there is sufficient width to do so safely.

4.8. **Speed.** No person shall operate a Bicycle at a speed faster than what is reasonable and proper with regard to the safety of the operator and others, taking into account all immediate circumstances.

4.9. **Right of Way to Pedestrians.** Any person operating a Bicycle shall accord the right of way to pedestrians at all intersections and crosswalks.

4.10. **University Buildings.** Bicycles may not be operated inside any University building.

4.11. **Hand Signals.** No operator shall turn his or her Bicycle from a direct course without first giving a clear hand signal to that effect. Such hand signal shall be given at some time during the last 100 feet traveled before turning, but need not be given continuously if the hand is needed in the control or operation of the Bicycle. Hand signals shall be made as follows:

   a. **To indicate a left turn:** the hand and both parts of the left arm shall be aligned and extended horizontally to the operator’s left.

   b. **To indicate a right turn:** the hand and both parts of the right arm shall be aligned and extended horizontally to the operator’s right OR with the left elbow to the operator’s left and the two parts of the left arm making a 90 degree angle with each other and the hand extended upward.
c. **Stop or decrease of speed.** With the left elbow to the operator’s left and the two parts of the left arm making a 90 degree angle with each other and the hand extended downward.

d. Proper hand signals are illustrated at [http://go.illinois.edu/handsignal](http://go.illinois.edu/handsignal).

**CHAPTER 5**

**5. OPERATION ON PATHWAYS**

5.1. **Safe Operation.** Bicycles may be operated on a University sidewalk or Shared Use Path, but shall be walked anywhere that Bicycle operation is expressly prohibited, and on any Pathway or Roadway where Bicycle operation would create a safety risk to others or to the Operator. Bicycles transitioning between one type of Pathway and another, or between Roadways and Pathways, shall do so at a safe speed and in a manner which will not create a safety risk to the Operator or others.

5.2. **Traffic Control Devices on Bicycle Paths and Shared Use Paths.** Traffic control devices on Bicycle Paths and Shared Use Paths shall be provided in conformance with Chapter 6, and an operator of a Bicycle is required to obey the mandate of these devices at all times.

5.3. **Control Signals on Parallel Roadway.** Traffic signals, yield signs, or stop signs facing any Roadway which runs parallel to a Pathway shall apply also to the Operators of Bicycles on such parallel Pathway.

5.4. **Bicycles to Operate on the Right.**

   a. Upon all Bicycle Paths a Bicycle shall be operated only to the right of the center line or median strip, except:

      (1) when overtaking and passing another Bicycle proceeding in the same direction; or

      (2) when passing an obstruction; or

      (3) when on a Bicycle path designated and so posted by sign, as a one-way path.

   b. Upon all Shared Use Paths and Sidewalks a Bicycle shall be operated as close as practicable and safe to the right-hand edge of the Pathway, except:

      (1) when overtaking and passing a pedestrian or another Bicycle proceeding in the same direction; or

      (2) when passing an obstruction.
5.5. **Passing Pedestrians or other Bicycles.**

   a. Bicycles passing pedestrians or other Bicycles on the left shall only do so where there is a clear view of the lane or Pathway ahead, where there is no traffic approaching to the left, and where there are no obstructions restricting the Pathway or lane ahead.

   b. The Bicycle Operator shall give audible warning of the intention to pass to the person being passed by bell or verbal warning before moving to the left.

5.6. **Yielding to Pedestrians.**

   a. Whenever the Operator of a Bicycle uses or crosses a Pathway or crosswalk also used by pedestrians, the Operator of the Bicycle shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian.

   b. When pedestrians are improperly utilizing the Bicycle Path where a Bicycle is travelling, the operator of a Bicycle shall give an audible warning and reduce speed or stop as necessary to avoid collision or injury.

   c. On a Shared Use Path or Sidewalk where the number of pedestrians or width of such path (due to temporary obstruction or any other reason) prevents reasonable and proper Bicycle riding with regard to the safety of the Operator or others, the Operator of a Bicycle must dismount and walk the Bicycle.

5.7. **No Pedestrians in Bicycle Paths.** Pedestrians shall not walk in Bicycle Paths, except to cross a Bicycle Path where a Sidewalk or Shared Use Path intersects with such Bicycle Path.

CHAPTER 6

6. **BICYCLE PATH CONTROL DEVICES**

6.1. **Traffic Control Devices.** The following traffic control devices shall indicate that a Pathway is Bicycle Path or a Bicycle Lane:

   a. **Center Lines.** A Pathway marked with a center line indicates a Bicycle Path, and the line divides the Bicycle Path into two parts, each of which has a traffic flow opposite to the other. The line may be dashed or solid.

   b. **Bicycle Icon.** A separate lane on a roadway, marked on the pavement by an Edge Line and with the image of a Bicycle Icon on a posted sign or as a pavement marking, indicates that the lane is a Bicycle Lane. A Pathway marked on the pavement with the image of a Bicycle Icon indicates that the Pathway is a Bicycle Path.
c. **Edge Lines.** Edge lines may be used to mark and fix the width limits of a Bicycle Path or Bicycle Lane. Any edge line provided on a Bicycle Path shall be a single solid yellow line 4 to 6 inches in width, except where the Bicycle Path is contiguous to a street, in which case the edge line on the Roadway shall be a double yellow line.

6.2. **Regulatory Signs and Pavement Markings.**
   a. Regulatory signs, when used on a Bicycle Path, shall be geometrically similar to, and have the same meaning as their Roadway counterparts.
   
   b. Pavement markings, utilizing either words or similar symbols, may be used either in place of or in addition to a posted sign.

**CHAPTER 7**

7. **PARKING**

7.1. **Where Parking is Permitted.** Bicycles shall not be attached to any University property other than a bicycle rack as provided in a designated bicycle parking area.

7.2. **Methods of Parking.**
   a. Bicycles must be properly parked so as to use only one space on the bicycle rack.
   
   b. Bicycles shall not be parked so as to obstruct any entrance or exit of a bicycle parking area.
   
   c. Bicycles shall not be attached to or parked so as to impede access to Bicycles belonging to others.
   
   d. Bicycles shall not be parked so as to obstruct any entrance or exit of a building.
   
   e. Bicycles shall not be parked so as to impede use of stairways or access ramps.
   
   f. Bicycles shall not be attached to or parked so as to impede access to any hand rails.
   
   g. Bicycles shall not be parked so as to prevent others from using or maintaining the Pathways, Roadways, and Campus facilities.

7.3. **Authority to Publish Special Parking Regulations.** Facilities & Services is hereby authorized to publish special regulations providing for prohibition of Parking in any bicycle parking area and allowing for removal of Bicycles in violation of the special regulations during designated periods for building construction, ground maintenance and improvements, University functions, or for other reasons. Notice of such special regulations shall be posted by sign in the regulated parking area at least two weeks before the regulations come into effect. Bicycles not removed from such areas or parked after the special regulations are in effect shall be in violation of this Chapter.
and may be impounded as provided in section 8.5.

7.4. **Abandonment.** Persons shall not abandon their Bicycles on University Property. A Bicycle shall be considered abandoned if:

a. The Bicycle is left unattended on University property for more than 90 days; or

b. The Bicycle is left unattended on University property for more than 30 days if the owner is not employed by the University or enrolled as a student during the ongoing academic session.

**CHAPTER 8**

**8. PENALTIES**

8.1. All penalties provided for in this chapter will be in accordance with the Fine Schedule published by [UNIT] and are subject to change. This schedule shall be made available at [http://go.illinois.edu/BikeCode](http://go.illinois.edu/BikeCode).

8.2. **Bicycle Education Fine Waiver** Upon first violation of any part of this Code which results in a fine, a violator may opt to have the fine waived by completion of a Bicycle education requirement. Instructions for acquiring a waiver shall be provided at the time of citation and in the Fine Schedule available at [http://go.illinois.edu/BikeCode](http://go.illinois.edu/BikeCode).

8.3. **Registration Violations.** Any faculty member, staff member, or student of the University who receives a citation for another violation, and whose Bicycle is not registered within the time allotted in section 2.3 shall be assessed an additional $25.00 fine for failure to Register under Chapter 2 (Registration of Bicycles). The additional registration fine shall be waived if the faculty member, staff member, or student registers his or her Bicycle before paying any other penalties due.

8.4. **Equipment Violations.** Any person who fails to maintain the required equipment on a Bicycle under Chapter 3 (Equipment Required) shall be assessed a minimum $35.00 fine.

8.5. **Operator and Pathway Violations.** Any person whose actions result in a violation of Chapter 4 (Operation of Bicycle) or Chapter 5 (Operation on Pathways) shall be assessed a minimum $35.00 fine for each violation.

8.6. **Parking Violations.** Any person whose actions result in a violation of provision of Chapter 7 (Parking) shall be assessed a minimum $25.00 fine for each violation.

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1 Details will be forthcoming about the management of the Fine Schedule.
a. **Booting.** Bicycle Boots affixed to Bicycles will include instructions to the Operator on how to have the Boot removed. Relevant citations will be issued and fines assessed at the time the Boot is removed from the Bicycle by the appropriate Authority. Any Bicycle may be Booted if:

(1) such Bicycle is in violation of Sections 7.1, 7.2.a., or 7.2.b.; or

(2) such Bicycle has accumulated $100 in unpaid fines.

b. **Impounding.**

(1) Any Bicycle may be impounded without prior notice if:

8.6.b.1.1. such Bicycle is in violation of Sections 7.2.c., 7.2.d., 7.2.e., 7.2.f., or 7.2.g.; or

8.6.b.1.2. such Bicycle is in violation of Section 7.3.; or

8.6.b.1.3. such Bicycle poses any safety hazard.

(2) Any Bicycles may be impounded only after an effort has been made to contact the registered owner, if any, using contact information as provided during registration, and/or by affixing a message on the Bicycle with instructions to prevent impoundment if:

8.6.b.2.1. such Bicycle has been abandoned, as defined in Section 7.4.; or

8.6.b.2.2. such Bicycle has been Booted for over two weeks; or

8.6.b.2.3. such Bicycle has accumulated $200 in unpaid fines.

c. Any person whose Bicycle has been impounded shall be assessed a minimum $40 in fines, in addition to other fines assessed.

d. In the case of any registered Bicycle so impounded, notice shall be sent within 15 days after such impounding to the most recent registered owner using contact information as provided on the latest registration form on file with the University.

e. In the case of an unregistered Bicycle being impounded, the owner may contact the Parking Department to provide acceptable proof of ownership and register the bike at that time.

f. Any impounded Bicycle which is not redeemed within 60 days after attempted notice or date of impoundment if Bicycle is unregistered shall be disposed of by the University as abandoned property.
8.7. **Payment of Assessments.** Failure to satisfy the penalties assessed may result in billing and collection by the University Business Office, and/or may result in denial of University parking privileges, and may be enforced by impounding of the bike or other University enforcement options.

   a. Payments of citations may be paid by placing the correct amount in the violation envelope and depositing it in a red courtesy box.

   b. Payments may also be made online via the Parking Department website.

   c. Payments may also be made in person at the Parking Department service counter in the Public Safety Building.

8.8. **Responsibility.** A faculty/staff or student in whose name the Bicycle is registered with the University is responsible for any parking violation issued to the Bicycle, unless that bike was reported stolen before the violation was issued.

8.9. **Appeals.** Any person who desires to appeal the imposition of any fine assessment may submit a written appeal to the [UNIT]. All appeals will be decided by the Bicycle Appeals Board.

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2 Details will be forthcoming about the bicycle appeals process.
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