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AN ORDINANCE LICENSING AND REGULATING
THE OPERATION OF BICYCLES.

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Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Urbana,
Illinois:---

Section 1. DEFINITION - The term "Bicycle" shall mean and include a device with two wheels in tandem propelled by human power and having wheels over twenty (20) inches in diameter with tires inflated.

Section 2. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS TO APPLY TO BICYCLE RIDERS - Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be subject to the provisions of this ordinance applicable to the driver of a vehicle except as otherwise provided in this ordinance and except those provisions of this ordinance which by their nature have no application.

Section 3. OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES - Any person operating a bicycle shall obey the instructions of official traffic signals, signs, and other control devices applicable thereto placed in accordance with the traffic ordinances of the City unless otherwise directed by a Police Officer.

Section 4. RIGHT-OF-WAY RULES - (a) The operator of a bicycle approaching an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to a vehicle entering or which has entered the intersection. (b) The operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley, parking space, 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.

Section 5. RIDING ON RIGHT - Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near the curb on the right hand side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a vehicle proceeding in the same direction or standing.

Section 6. RIDING ON SIDEWALKS - No person shall ride any bicycle on any sidewalk in the business district. The business district being defined as that part of the city comprising the "fire district" as heretofore designated by prior ordinance. Outside of such business district, riding on the sidewalks shall be permitted. Any person riding a bicycle on a sidewalk shall keep to the right side of said sidewalk in-so-far as practicable and shall yield the right-of-way to every pedestrian and, when approaching a pedestrian from the rear shall give a clearly audible warning signal when at least twenty-five (25) feet distance from such pedestrian.

Section 7. RIDING IN A GROUP - Persons riding bicycles shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

Section 8. OPERATING BICYCLES - Seats. No person shall ride upon any bicycle otherwise than as follows:

- (1) The rider controlling and propelling a bicycle shall ride only upon a regular and permanent seat provided for such rider.
- (2) Any rider other than the operator shall ride only upon a suitable seat provided for the purpose and attached to the bicycle in such a place and manner that the rider thereon will not interfere with the safe and proper operation of the bicycle by its operator.
- (3) No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

Section 9. SPEED - No bicycle shall be operated at a speed faster than is reasonable and proper with regard to the safety of both the rider and other persons.

Section 10. CLINGING TO VEHICLES - No bicycle rider shall cling to or attach himself or his bicycle to any moving vehicle or street car on any street.

Section 11. TURNING - (1) No bicycle rider upon any roadway shall turn suddenly in front of any pedestrian, bicycle, vehicle, or street car. (2) Every bicycle rider, when upon any roadway with other traffic near, shall signal his intention to turn by extending an arm in the direction of intended turn or by other distinct and unmistakable signal, in ample time for other traffic to recognize the intention to turn and act accordingly.

Section 12. TRICK RIDING AND RACING - (1) No bicycle rider shall practice or perform any stunt, trick, fancy or acrobatic riding on any street except that exhibitions may be given under permit from any under the supervision of the Chief of Police. (2) No bicycle rider shall participate in any race for speed, or in any endurance contest, with any bicycle or vehicle upon any street except under permit from and under supervision of the Chief of Police.

Section 13. LAMPS AND REFLECTORS - Whenever operated upon any street or highway during the period between sunset and sunrise, every bicycle shall display a white light on the front thereof visible for a distance of not less than 500 feet, and on the rear thereof, shall display a reflector so designed and maintained as to be visible at all distances within 300 feet when such bicycle is directly in front of a motor vehicle displaying lawfully lighted headlights. A lamp exhibiting a red light visible for a distance of not less than 300 feet to the

rear may be used in addition to or in lieu of said rear reflector.

Section 14. AUDIBLE SIGNAL - Every bicycle when operated upon any street shall be equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal clearly audible for a distance of not less than 100 feet, provided, however, that no bicycle shall be equipped with nor shall any person use on a bicycle any siren or whistle.

Section 15. PERMITS - APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE - No resident owner of a bicycle shall ride such bicycle or permit it to be ridden by others on any street unless such bicycle has been provided with the proper permit tag or plate as hereinafter provided.

(1) Application for a permit to own and operate a bicycle shall be made to the Chief of Police on a form to be provided by said Chief. The application shall be accompanied by a fee of twenty-five cents to cover the cost of the permit tag or plate and enforcement.

(2) The Chief of Police is hereby empowered to issue bicycle permits accompanied by a tag or plate. All such permits shall be dated when issued. The Chief of Police shall keep a record of all permits so issued and of the fees collected in connection therewith, said fees to be delivered to the City Clerk at least once each month.

(3) Permits shall be good for one year only, and shall be dated January 1st of the year issued.

(4) Upon the issuance of a tag or plate, the Chief of Police shall affix to such bicycle such tag or plate on the frame of said bicycle in such a position as to be plainly visible from the rear. The removal of any plate or tag from such bicycle, except by proper authority or upon transfer of ownership, shall be a violation of this ordinance.

Section 16. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP - Upon the sale or transfer of a registered bicycle, the holder of a permit shall surrender to the Chief of Police the permit, or with approval of said Chief of Police, assign to another bicycle owned by him upon payment of a fee of twenty-five cents.

Section 17. INSPECTION OF BICYCLES - The Chief of Police shall inspect each bicycle presented to him for registration and shall have the authority to refuse to issue permit for any such bicycle found to be in unsafe mechanical condition. The Chief of Police shall issue no permit without first having inspected each bicycle for which a permit is issued.

Section 18. BRAKES - Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake adequate to control the movement of and to stop such bicycle quickly.

Section 19. RENTAL AGENCIES - Bicycles offered for rent by

a rental agency shall be equipped by such agency with lights and other safety equipment required by this ordinance and shall be kept in good and safe working order. Rental agencies shall comply in all respects with all the provisions of this ordinance and shall be responsible for the condition of the bicycles they rent.

Section 20. BICYCLE DEALERS - All persons engaged in the business of buying or selling new or used bicycles are hereby required to make a written report each month to the Chief of Police giving the name and address of the person to whom each bicycle is sold or purchased, the description of each such bicycle with the name and frame number thereof and the number of the license plate, if any, found thereon.

Section 21. PENALTIES - Every person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than FIVE DOLLARS and/or by the revocation of such person's bicycle permit for such length of time as the court shall provide. In case of the revocation of a permit, a new permit shall be issued as in the first instance and upon payment of additional twenty-five cents.

Section 22. REPEAL OF THE BICYCLE ORDINANCES - All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith heretofore adopted by the City Council are hereby repealed.

Adopted by the City Council January 16th, 1940.

BESS M. HOLMES,
City Clerk.

Approved by the Mayor January 16th, 1940.

GEORGE F. HURD,
Mayor.

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