

CHAPTER 103 – BICYCLE REGISTRATION & OPERATION

Section 103.01 Registration Required

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle upon any street in the town of Hull unless the bicycle is registered and tagged as herein provided. A non-resident may operate a bicycle which is duly registered in any other municipality, and equipped with a current registration tag, and however must comply with local bicycle ordinances.

Section 103.02 Registration Procedure

Registration shall be made by filing with the Hull Fire Department, the name and address of the owner and a complete description of the bicycle, on the forms provided, together with a fee of \$2.00. Registration shall be serially numbered and kept on file as public record. In connection with the identification number, a tag, serially numbered to correspond to the registration number, shall be affixed in plain view to the rear of the registered bicycle. Such tag shall remain affixed to the bicycle unless removed by the Town of Hull for cause or for retagging upon registration.

Section 103.03 Two Year Registration; One Year Registration and Fee

Registration shall be for a two (2) year period, or any part thereof, and shall extend from January 1 of the first year through December 31 of the second year (1981-1982, 1983-1984, etc.). All bicycles shall be registered in like manner from the full two (2) year license period, or any part thereof, upon payment of a fee of \$2.00 if issued in the first year or \$1.00 if issued in the second year. There shall be no further prorating of registration fees.

- 1) All registrations issued during 1981 shall expire December 31, 1982. All registrations issued in subsequent years shall expire subject to the general rules of this section.
- 2) In the event of theft or loss, a duplicate tag shall be issued for a fee of \$.75.

Section 103.04 Accounting of Fees Received

The Hull Fire Department shall make a monthly accounting of the fees received to the Town Treasurer. The person in charge of the funds shall furnish a sufficient surety bond in the sum to be fixed by the Town Board.

Section 103.05 Suspension of Registration: Unsafe Mechanical Condition

No bicycle shall be registered which is in unsafe mechanical condition. The town constable shall have the authority to suspend the registration of and remove the identification tag from any bicycle operated while in unsafe condition. Such suspension and removal shall be in addition to other penalties provided hereunder.

Section 103.06 Willful Destruction of Tags

No person shall willfully remove, deface or destroy any such bicycle identification tag.

Section 103.07 Change of Ownership

In case of change of ownership the registration shall thereupon be changed to show the name of the new owner.

Section 103.08 Interference With the Rights of Other Persons

No person shall operate any bicycle upon any part of any public highway or sidewalk in such manner as to interfere with the rights of other persons using such highway or sidewalk.

Section 103.09 Limits on Riders; Child Seats

No person operating a bicycle shall ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto. No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped. However, one child's seat may be fastened securely to the bicycle, which seat shall be so designed and manufactured for this specific purpose.

Section 103.10 Careful and Prudent Operations and Speed; Due Regard for Safety

No person shall operate a bicycle upon any public highway or sidewalk except in a careful and prudent manner and at a speed that is reasonable and prudent under traffic conditions existing at the time, and every bicycle shall be operated with due regard to the safety of the Operator and other persons upon the highway and sidewalk.

Section 103.11 Observance of Signs and Signals; Arm Signals and Single File Riding Required

Persons operating bicycles shall observe all traffic signs and signals as required by such signs and signals. No person operating a bicycle shall turn without giving an arm signal such as required by State law for the operation of motor vehicles. No person shall operate a bicycle upon any public highway or sidewalk abreast of another person operating a bicycle except while passing such vehicle.

Section 103.12 Lights and Reflectors Required for Nighttime Operation

No bicycle shall be operated on any highway or sidewalk during any period of time from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise without a headlight visible from the front of the bicycle for not less than 500 feet, and properly lighted, nor without an adequate lighted red tail light, or in lieu thereof an adequate red reflector attached to and visible from the rear of the bicycle for a distance of 50 to 500 feet to the rear.

Section 103.13 Brakes Required

Every bicycle when operated upon any highway or sidewalk shall be equipped with a brake adequate to control the movement of and to stop the bicycle whenever necessary. The brake shall be maintained in good working order at all times.

Section 103.14 Horn or Bell Required; Sirens and Whistles Prohibited

Every bicycle when operated upon a highway or sidewalk shall be equipped with a horn or bell in good working order, and it shall be unlawful for any bicycle to be

equipped with a siren or whistle, or to use any bell or horn otherwise than as a reasonable warning to other users of the highways and sidewalks.

Section 103.15 Use of the Roadway; Due Care When Passing; Trick Riding Prohibited

Unless preparing to make a left turn, every person operating a bicycle upon a highway carrying two-way traffic shall ride as near as practical to the right edge of the unobstructed traveled roadway. On one-way streets, the operator of the bicycle shall ride as near as practical to the right or left side of the unobstructed traveled roadway. Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall exercise due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction, allowing a minimum of three (3) feet between the bicycle and the vehicle. It shall be unlawful to do any trick riding on any highway or sidewalk or to operate a bicycle without hands on the handlebars.

Section 103.16 When Sidewalk Use Is Prohibited

Bicyclists exercising due care may operate a bicycle upon any sidewalk except sidewalks in any business district or immediate school grounds during school hours, when such operating will not jeopardize the safety of pedestrians on the sidewalks.

Section 103.17 Penalties

- 1) Any person sixteen years of age or older who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not more than \$20.00 plus court costs and in default of payment of such fine shall be imprisoned in the County Jail for a period of not more than thirty days.
- 2) Any person under the age of sixteen years who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance, relating to the vehicle traffic laws or safe driving rules and regulations for the safe operation of a bicycle shall, for the first offense, write the town bicycle ordinance as directed by the Town Constable or his representative.
- 3) For the second offense, an offender under the age of sixteen years may be summoned to appear at the police station with his or he bicycle and could be referred to the juvenile authorities and proceedings may be held in accordance with Chapter 48 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 103.18 Licenses Required for Rental Bicycles

A rental agency shall not rent or offer for rent any bicycle unless the bicycle is registered and a registration tag is affixed to the bicycle as required herein and such bicycle is equipped with the required equipment.

Section 103.19 Improper Parking

No owner or operator of any bicycle shall park the bicycle on any sidewalk area or highway in such a manner as to interfere with free passage by the public.

Section 103.20 Effective Date

This ordinance shall be in full force and shall take effect on the date of passage.
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