

CHAPTER 2

Bicycles and Play Vehicles

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SEC. 10-2-1 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this Chapter:

- (a) Bicycle means every device propelled by the feet acting upon pedals and having wheels, any two (2) of which are not less than fourteen (14) inches in diameter.
- (b) Bicycles' Lane means that portion of a roadway set aside for exclusive use of bicycles and so designated by appropriate signs and markings by the responsible governing body.
- (c) Bike Route means any bicycle lane, bicycle way or highway which has been duly designated by the responsible governing body and identified by appropriate signs and markings.
- (d) Bicycle Way means any path or sidewalk, or portion thereof, designated for the use of bicycles by the responsible governing body.
- (e) Carrier means any device attached to a bicycle designed for carrying articles.
- (f) Right of Way means the right of one vehicle or pedestrian to proceed in a lawful manner in preference to another vehicle or pedestrian approaching under such circumstances of direction, speed and proximity as to give rise to danger of collision unless one grants precedence to the other.
- (g) Play Vehicles means any coaster, skateboard, roller skates, sled, toboggan, unicycle, or toy vehicle upon which a person may ride.

SEC. 10-2-2 LIGHTING AND OTHER EQUIPMENT.

No person shall operate a bicycle upon a highway unless equipped as required in Sec. 347.81, Wis. Stats.

SEC. 10-2-3 RULES OF THE ROAD

The provisions of Chs. 346 and 347, Wis. Stats., and applicable Village ordinances shall govern the operation of bicycles where appropriate. Every person driving a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of the State declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles or by the traffic ordinances of the Village applicable to the driver of the vehicle, except as to those provisions of laws and ordinances which by their nature can have no application.

SEC. 10-2-4 REGULATION OF SKATEBOARDS, ROLLER SKATES AND ROLLER SKIS.

- (a) Regulations. It shall be unlawful for any person in the Village of Nichols to operate or ride a skateboard, roller skates, or roller skis (“play vehicles”) in any of the following places:
 - (1) On any Village streets, except while crossing a roadway at a crosswalk.
 - (2) On any sidewalk in a business district. For purposes of this Section, a business district shall be defined as any area primarily commercial in nature.
 - (3) In any public parking ramp or parking lot.
 - (4) On private property, unless permission has been received from the owner, lessee or person in charge of that property.
- (b) Yield to Pedestrians. Operators or riders of skateboards, roller skates, roller skis, or other play vehicles shall yield the right-of-way to other pedestrians using Village sidewalks, and shall not otherwise endanger or interfere with normal pedestrian traffic on those sidewalks.
- (c) Play Vehicles Not To Be Pulled By Moving Vehicles. No person riding upon any coaster, roller skates, skateboard, roller skis, sled, toboggan or play vehicle shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

SEC. 10-2-5 GENERAL BICYCLE REGULATIONS.

- (a) Parental Responsibility. No parent or guardian of any child shall authorize or knowingly permit such child to violate any of the provisions of Sections 10-2-3, 10-2-4 and this Section.
- (b) Street Operation.
 - (1) Unless preparing to make a left turn, every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway carrying two-way traffic shall ride as near as possible to the right edge of the unobstructed traveled roadway. On one-way roadways, the operator of the bicycle shall ride as near as possible to the right edge or left edge 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 his bicycle and the vehicle.
- (2) Every person when operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride such bicycle in single file.
 - (3) It shall be unlawful for any person riding upon a bicycle to cling to or attach himself or the bicycle to any other moving vehicle upon a street or highway.
 - (4) No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped. Infant seats are permitted if securely attached to the frame at the top mount and to the axle and frame at the rear bottom mount and if provided with hand holds, foot rests, foot guards and safety belt. The use of back pack for carrying an infant is permitted. Persons are not permitted to be located on a bicycle in front of the operator of the bicycle.
 - (5) No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the safe operation of the bicycle with at least one hand on the handlebars at all times.
 - (6) No rider of a bicycle shall remove both hands from the handlebars or feet from the pedals, or practice any acrobatic or fancy riding on any street.
 - (7) Whenever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a roadway, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the roadway.
 - (8) No person may operate a bicycle or moped upon a roadway where a sign is erected indicating that bicycle riding is prohibited.
- (c) **Bicycle Parking.** No bicycle shall be parked in front of or adjacent to any commercial establishment unless the bicycle is parked on the sidewalk parallel to the street and as close as possible to the curb. No person shall leave a bicycle at such a place or in such a way as to create a hazard to pedestrians, automobile operators or to anyone else.
- (d) **Required Equipment.** Every bicycle, when operated upon a highway, shall be equipped with a brake adequate to control the movement of and to stop such vehicle whenever necessary. Such brake shall be maintained in good working order at all times.
- (e) **Bicycles Not to be Pulled by Moving Vehicles.** No person riding upon a bicycle shall cling or attach himself or his bicycle to any other moving vehicle upon a street or highway, nor shall the operator of any bicycle tow or draw any coaster wagon, sled, person, on roller skates, toy vehicles or any other similar vehicle on such highway.
- (f) **Speed.** No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under existing conditions or in excess of any posted speed limit.
- (g) **Operation on Sidewalks.**
- (1) No person over the age of ten (10) shall ride or propel any bicycle upon any public sidewalk or thoroughfare of the Village set apart for pedestrians, except

bicycles having wheels sized twenty (20) inches or under. This exception shall not apply to twenty (20) inch or under bicycles designed or modified to BMX specifications.

(2) No person shall ride or propel any bicycle upon any public street, alley, boulevard, or sidewalk of the Village in such manner as to interfere with the rights of other persons using such street, alley, boulevard, or sidewalk.

(h) Bicycle Operation While Hearing Obstructed. No person may operate a bicycle upon a highway while such operator is using any audio device attached directly to ear or ears of such operator that materially impairs the ability of such operator to hear traffic signals or warnings.

SEC. 10-2-6 BICYCLE PENALTIES

(a) Any person sixteen (16) years of age or older who shall violate any provision of this Chapter may be issued a Uniform Traffic Citation and be subject to the penalties provided by the Uniform State Traffic Deposit Schedule.

(b) Any person fourteen (14) years of age through fifteen (15) years of age who shall violate any provisions of this Chapter may be issued a citation and be subject to the penalties provided by the Deposit Schedule and, upon conviction thereof, may be required to forfeit not more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), together with the cost of the prosecution and, in default of such payment, the Court may suspend the child's operating privileges, as defined in Sec. 340.01, Wis. Stats., for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than ninety (90) days.

(c) Any person under fourteen (14) years of age who shall violate any provision of this Chapter may be issued a special Bicycle Violation Warning Notice along with the following additional actions:

(1) First three (3) offenses in one (1) year: A warning letter sent to the parent or guardian.

(2) Fourth and subsequent offense in the same year: Mandatory referral to Outagamie County Juvenile Court.

(d) All violations shall be determined based on the preceeding twelve (12) month period to establish which violations has occurred.

(e) Any parent or guardian of any child who authorizes or knowingly permits such child to violate any of the provisions of this Chapter may be subject to the provisions of Sections 346.77 and 346.82(1), Wis. Stats.

SEC. 10-2-7 PLAY VEHICLE PENALTIES.

(a) Any person fourteen (14) years of age and over who shall violate any provisions of this Chapter may be issued a citation and be subject to the penalties provided by the

deposit schedule and upon conviction thereof, may be required to forfeit not more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), together with the costs of prosecution.

(b) Any person under fourteen (14) years of age who shall violate any provisions of this Chapter may receive an officers report warning notice along with the following additional actions;

(1) First three offences in one (1) year: A warning letter sent to the parent or guardian.

(2) Fourth and subsequent offense in the same year: Mandatory referral to Outagamie County Juvenile Court.

(c) Any parent or guardian of any child who authorizes or knowingly permits such child to violate any of the provisions of this Chapter may be subject to the provisions of Sections 346.77 and 346.82(1), Wis. Stats.