

9.38.010 Parental responsibility; applicability of chapter to bicycles operated on pathways.

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B. The provisions of this chapter applicable to bicycles shall also apply whenever a bicycle is operated upon any sidewalk, trail, or pathway, subject to those exceptions stated in this chapter. (CAC 9.38.010; AO No. 78-72; AO No. 89-52; AO No. 2005-77, 1, 11-22-05)

9.38.020 Applicability of traffic laws to riders.

A. Every person riding a bicycle shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this title, except as to special regulations in this chapter, and except as to those provisions of this title which by their nature can have no application.

B. A person shall not propel a bicycle so as to suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and move into the path of a vehicle that is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.

C. A person propelling a vehicle by human power upon and along a sidewalk, trail or pathway, or across a roadway or driveway intersecting a sidewalk, trail or pathway, shall have all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances.

(CAC 9.38.020; AO No. 78-72; AO No. 2005-77, 2, 11-22-05)

9.38.030 Obedience to traffic control devices.

A. Any person propelling a bicycle shall obey the instructions of official traffic control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer, school crossing guard, professional flagman, or other individual operating in an official capacity to assist traffic.

B. Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right turn or left turn or U-turn is permitted, no person operating a bicycle may disobey the direction of any such sign, except where such person dismounts from the bicycle to make any such turn, in which event such person shall then obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians.

(CAC 9.38.030; AO No. 78-72; AO No. 2005-77, 3, 11-22-05)

9.38.040 Riding on seat required; carrying other persons.

A. A person propelling a bicycle may not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.

B. No person propelling a bicycle may carry another person, unless the bicycle is equipped with a seat or a trailer for the passenger.

(CAC 9.38.040; GAAB 19.95.040; AO No. 78-72; AO No. 2005-77, 4, 11-22-05)

9.38.050 Clinging to vehicles.

No person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, skateboard, sled, skis or toy vehicle may attach such vehicle or himself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

(CAC 9.38.050; AO No. 78-72)

9.38.060 Riders to use right edge of roadway; riding abreast.

A. Every person propelling a bicycle upon a roadway or upon a trail or pathway shall ride as near to the *right edge of the roadway* or trail or pathway as practicable, exercising due care when avoiding hazards and passing or meeting other vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians or users of the roadway or trail, except in the following situations:

1. When overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction;
2. When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway;
3. When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions including, but not limited to, fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or a road too narrow, which make it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or edge;
4. When approaching a place where a right turn is authorized; or
5. When it is necessary for a cyclist to fully occupy one traffic lane while waiting to cross an intersection in order to increase the cyclist's visibility to drivers of other vehicles.

B. Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway may not ride more than two abreast, except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles or in the case of a licensed or permitted bicycling event.

(CAC 9.38.060; AO No. 78-72; AO No. 89-52; AO No. 91-105; AO No. 94-68(S), 31, 8-11-94; AO No. 2005-77, 5, 11-22-05)

9.38.070 Riding on sidewalk; giving audible warning.

A. No person may ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district.

B. The municipal traffic engineer is authorized to erect signs on any sidewalk or roadway prohibiting the riding of bicycles thereon by any person, and when such signs are in place no person may disobey such signs.

C. Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, trail or pathway, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal by voice or by bell before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

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9.38.170 Applicability of requirements to rented bicycles.

A rental agency may not rent or offer any bicycle for rent unless the bicycle is equipped with the lamps and other equipment required by this chapter.
(CAC 9.38.170; AO No. 78-72; AO No. 2005-77, 9, 11-22-05)

9.38.180 Bicycle dealers--Report required.(Repealed)
(CAC 9.38.180; AO No. 78-72; AO No. 90-24)

9.38.190 Alteration or mutilation of serial number or registration.

It is unlawful for any person to willfully or maliciously remove, destroy, mutilate or alter the number of any bicycle frame licensed pursuant to this section. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the police department from stamping numbers on the frames of bicycles on which no serial number can be found, or on which the number is illegible or insufficient for identification purposes.
(CAC 9.38.190; AO No. 78-72; AO No. 2005-77, 10, 11-22-05)

9.38.200 Wearing of bicycle helmets.

Wearing a bicycle helmet is mandatory for any person 15 years of age or younger when on a bicycle in public places. Public places include, but are not limited to, streets, sidewalks, pathways, trails, parking lots and skate parks. Failure to wear a bicycle helmet or other protective headgear is a traffic violation which shall result in a warning for a first offense and which carries a fine of \$25.00 for each subsequent offense. The fine may be waived if proof that a bicycle helmet has been obtained is presented to the Anchorage Police Department.
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