

6.07 Bicycles

(1) DEFINITION. The word “bicycle” includes every device propelled by feet acting upon pedals and having wheels, any of which are over eighteen (18) inches in diameter with tires inflated.

(2) REGISTRATION. Every bicycle having wheels 18 inches in diameter or over shall be registered with the police department and have the registration sticker attached to the bicycle.

(3) APPLICATION. Applications for registration shall be filed by the owner, if an adult, with the police department (or its designee) on forms provided for it, and if the owner is a minor, by his or her parent or guardian. All bicycles operated in the Village must be registered within ten days of purchase and delivery of the bicycle to the owner.

(4) STICKER FEE AND TERM; RECORDS. Upon payment of a registration fee of \$6.00 by the applicant, the police department shall issue a registration sticker for the bicycle, which shall permit the bicycle to be operated upon the streets of the Village. No further application or fee shall be required for use of such bicycle; subject, however, to the provisions of Sections 5 and 6.

(5) DISPLAY OF STICKER; FEE FOR REPLACEMENT. No bicycle shall be considered registered until a registration sticker, which shall remain legible at all times, shall be affixed to the bicycle, which shall remain so affixed until re-registration or until removed by the police department for a cause. No person shall unlawfully remove, deface or destroy any such identification sticker. If a replacement sticker must be issued, the fee therefore shall be \$2.00.

(6) TRANSFER; FEE. Every person who transfers the title of any bicycle shall endorse upon the bottom of the registration card the name and address of the transferee, the date of the transfer, and the name of the transferor. The transferee, upon re-registration, shall pay a transfer fee of \$2.00. Transferee must register bicycle within ten (10) days of such transfer.

(7) REPORTS BY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TREASURER. The police department shall make a daily report and payment to the treasurer of funds received from bicycle registration fees, when such office is open. The treasurer shall make a quarterly report thereon to the Village Board.

(8) OPERATION OF UNREGISTERED BICYCLE; LIABILITY THEREFORE. No parent of a minor child or guardian of a minor child shall knowingly and willingly permit such minor child to operate an unregistered bicycle in the Village.

(9) SERIAL NUMBER AND REGISTRATION STICKER; MAINTENANCE.

(a) The serial number and registration sticker of every bicycle shall be maintained in proper condition and conform with this division. No person shall:

1. Willfully twist, paint, alter, or add to or cut off any portion of a serial number or registration sticker.
2. Place or deposit or cause to be deposited on such serial number or registration sticker any substance to hinder the normal reading of such numbers: or
3. Deface, disfigure, change, or attempt to change any letter or figure on the serial number or registration sticker.

(b) Any bicycle with a serial number or registration sticker which has not been maintained as required in this section and are found to be defaced, disfigured, altered or painted over, shall be presumed to be stolen, subject to immediate impoundment, and will be released only upon verification of ownership.

(c) The owner of a bicycle with an illegible, defaced disfigured, altered, or painted over registration sticker shall, as quickly as time permits, reapply and pay for a replacement registration sticker as provided in Section 5.

(10) **RULES OF BICYCLE OPERATING.** While being operated on the highway, including any streets of the Village of Elkhart Lake:

(a) Every bicycle operated within one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise, shall be equipped with a lamp firmly attached to the front of such bicycle exhibiting a white light to the front and a lamp on the rear exhibiting a red light or reflector visible at a distance of 500 feet. The size of the reflector is not to be less than three (3) inches.

(b) The rider of a bicycle shall ride as near as practicable to within five (5) feet to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway except when passing another vehicle or making a left turn at an intersection.

(c) No person operating a bicycle shall participate in any race, speed, or endurance contest with any other moving vehicle on a Village street or alley except as authorized by the Village.

(d) No rider of a bicycle shall practice any fancy or acrobatic riding or stunts while operating such bicycle nor operate a bicycle upon the sidewalks within said Village.

(e) No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designated and equipped nor shall a bike be used to tow any person or object that is not specifically designed for towing by bicycles.

(f) It shall be unlawful for any person riding upon a bicycle to cling or attach himself or his bicycle to any moving vehicle.

(g) Group riding, in excess of two abreast, is forbidden.

(h) All bicycles shall stop for arterial highways, signs, and automobile traffic signals when emerging from alleys or driveways.

- (i) No bicycle shall be parked upon any sidewalk area or upon any roadway in such a manner as to interfere with free passage of the public.
 - (j) Bicycles which are not mechanically safe shall not be operated on the streets of the Village of Elkhart Lake.
 - (k) No person may operate a bicycle in a park within the Village of Elkhart Lake except in designated parking areas.
 - (l) Persons riding bicycles in the Village shall ride single file on all roadways, sidewalks, and in other areas where other motor vehicles and pedestrian traffic is present.
 - (m) A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent or regular seat attached thereto facing forward with both feet on the pedals.
- (11) No parent of a minor child or guardian of a minor child shall knowingly and willingly permit such minor child to violate any provisions of Section 6.07 (10).
- (12) PENALTIES. Any person who violates any provisions of this section shall forfeit not more than \$200.00, together with costs of prosecution and may be ordered to pay restitution and complete community service.