

Chapter 14

BICYCLES

Section 14.1 RIDING ON MAIN STREET SIDEWALDS PROHIBITED

Whereas for the safety of the general public, riders of bicycles will be prohibited from riding bicycles upon the sidewalks of Main Street, between the intersections of Elm Street, Pearl Street and Park Street respectively. This shall not prohibit any person from walking a bicycle on the sidewalk within said area.

Section 14.2 RIDING BICYCLE ON MAIN STREET SIDEWALKS PENALTY

Any person who shall violate Section 14.1, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for the first offense and not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for any subsequent offenses.

Section 14.4 SERIAL NUMBER REQUIRED

No bicycle shall be operated unless it has a permanently cut, impressed or embossed on some portion thereof, a factory serial or identification number or mark.

Section 14.5 REMOVAL OF FACTORY SERIAL NUMBER PROHIBITED

It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, deface, change or cause to be removed, obliterated, defaced or changed any factory serial or other identification number or mark on or from any bicycle. Any person who violates this section shall be fined not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

Section 14.6 STATEMENT TO CHIEF OF POLICE, BICYCLE WITHOUT FACTORY SERIAL NUMBER

Any person who shall knowingly have in his possession any bicycle from which such number or mark shall have been removed, defaced, obliterated or changed shall, forthwith, file with the Chief of Police a sworn statement, describing such bicycle showing the source of his title, and if known, the reason for such removal, defacement, obliteration or change. If satisfied, as to facts, the Chief of Police may grant permission to cut, impress, or emboss permanently on to the bicycle a special identification number or mark which shall thereafter be deemed sufficient for the purpose of registration of such bicycle.

Section 14.7 BICYCLES WITHOUT SERIAL NUMBER IMPOUNDED

Any person who shall knowingly have in his possession any bicycle from which such number or mark shall have been removed, defaced, obliterated or changed and the said person fails to file the above stated sworn statement with the Chief of Police, shall have the bicycle impounded at the police department or suitable location until such time as the source of title is satisfactorily proven.

Section 14.8 BRAKES REQUIRED

No bicycle shall be operated unless it is equipped with an adequate braking device.

Section 14.9 LIGHTING REQUIRED AFTER DARK

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle on any way within the limits of the Town of Newport during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise unless said operator shall display on his bicycle a lighted lamp on the front of said bicycle and tail-light, so called, or a reflector on the rear.

Section 14.10 RIDING OF BICYCLES BY MORE THAN ONE PERSON PROHIBITED

It shall be unlawful for more than one person to ride on a bicycle, unless it can be a tandem bicycle equipped with two sets of handlebars, two sprockets and two seats.

Section 14.11 EXPIRATION OF REGISTRATION

All registrations granted shall remain in effect for the life of the bicycle.

Section 14.12 SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF REGISTRATION

The Chief of Police may revoke or suspend any registration for just cause. An appeal to the District Court may be had by any person whose registration has been revoked or suspended. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle while the registration thereof is revoked or suspended.

Section 14.13 PENALTIES

Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), for each offense.

Section 14.14 SKATEBOARDS

Whereas for the safety of the general public, no person will ride a skateboard upon the sidewalk of Main Street between the intersection of Elm Street, Pearl Street and Park Street respectively