

Town of Paris Public Safety Ordinance

Article 10 Traffic Code, Chapter 11-§0905-11

Chapter 11-§0905-11.0....Regulation for Bicycles

11-§0905-11.1...General

- A. No person shall ride or propel a bicycle upon any public street, highway or across any sidewalk except in a careful and prudent manner and at a reasonable rate of speed. Persons riding bicycles shall observe all traffic rules and regulations applicable thereto;
1. Signal for all turns.
 2. Ride at the right hand side of any street or highway.
 3. Pass only to the left when passing slow moving vehicles with the exception that a pass may be made to the right when slow moving vehicles are about to make left hand turns.
 4. No person shall operate or propel any bicycle without having at least one hand on the handlebars thereof.
 5. No person shall ride or propel a bicycle with any passenger where said bicycle is designed to carry only one person. No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designated and equipped.
 6. No person riding or operating a bicycle shall hold on to any vehicle while said vehicle is in a moving motion.
 7. No person shall ride or propel a bicycle on any street or highway of the Town after dark unless the same shall be equipped with sufficient light, attached to the front of said bicycle, visible from the front of said bicycle, visible from the front thereof not less than 200 feet and properly lighted, nor without a rear taillight, or in lieu of, a reflector attached to and visible from the rear of said bicycle for a distance of 50 feet.
 8. No person shall ride or propel a bicycle upon any street or highway or access any sidewalk in the business district, abreast or to the left of any person so riding or propelling another bicycle.

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11-§0905-11.2...Parking of Bicycles

No person shall park a bicycle upon a street other than upon the roadway against the curb or upon the sidewalk in a rack to support the bicycle or against a building or at the curb, in such a manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic.

11-§0905-11.3...Riding on Sidewalks

- A. No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district.
- B. The Chief of Police 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 shall disobey the same.
- C. Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such a pedestrian.

11-§0905-11.4...Removal of Numbers

No person shall willfully or maliciously remove, destroy, mutilate or alter the number of any bicycle frame registered pursuant to this section.

11-§0905-11.5...Destruction of Stickers

No person shall remove, destroy, mutilate or alter any registration sticker, seal or registration card during the time in which such sticker, seal or registration card is operative. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Police Department from stamping numbers on the frames of bicycles on which no serial numbers can be found or on which the number is illegible or insufficient for identification purposes.

11-§0905-11.6...Fees

There shall be no fee for bicycle registration.

11-§0905-11.7...Impoundment of Bicycles

The Paris Police Department, or any member thereof, may impound and retain possession of any bicycle operated in violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance.

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11-§0905-11.8...Unclaimed Bicycles

Any bicycle that has been in the possession of the Paris Police Department for a period of ninety (90) days, and is not claimed by the owner, will be disposed of by the direction of the Chief of Police of Paris. One item will be printed in the local newspaper(s) for one week prior to the disposal of said bicycle or bicycles giving a complete description of bicycle or bicycles, and that the said bicycles will be disposed of if not claimed by a given date. The Chief of Police will cause to have printed in the local newspaper a list of disposed bicycles, indicating description of bicycle and place of disposition, i.e., charity organization, etc.

11-§0905-11.9...Penalties

Any person or persons maliciously removing, destroying, mutilating or altering any registration card, fender stickers or seals during which time such registration cards, fender stickers or seals are operative, shall be summoned to the District Court, Paris on such; and if found guilty will be subject to a fine of not more than \$20.00 dollars.

Any portion of this fine shall be used to reimburse the owner of said bicycle who may have suffered such loss of said bicycle.

Any person of the age of seventeen (17) or over who violates any of the provisions of this Town Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than ten dollars (\$10.00). The Chief of Police, when satisfied that a juvenile under the age of seventeen (17) years has ridden a bicycle in violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance, may impound the bicycle for a period not to exceed five (5) days for the first offense and for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days for any subsequent offense.