

Title 5

BICYCLES*

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***State law reference**—Bicycles, W.S. 31-5-701 et seq.

Sec. 5-101. Riding bicycles on sidewalk prohibited.

No bicycle, electric bicycle or skateboard shall be ridden on the sidewalk within the business section of the Town, and no person over ten (10) years of age shall ride a bicycle on any sidewalk within the Town.

(Prior Code, § 5-101)

Sec. 5-102. Rules of traffic for motor vehicles to be observed.

The rider of every bicycle or electric bicycle shall ride with traffic, shall observe all traffic rules required of motor vehicles; shall give all signals for stopping and turning required of such motor vehicles; and, except when so signaling, shall have both hands on the handlebars of such bicycle. Fancy riding and weaving in traffic shall be cause for the immediate revocation of license. No person shall ride on such bicycle or electric bicycle other than on and astride of a permanent and regular seat thereon; and, except for tandem bicycles or electric bicycles, no more than one (1) person shall be upon such bicycle or electric bicycle at any time. Such rider shall stop before entering any street from an alley or otherwise, shall stop for every stop sign and shall observe all traffic signals.

(Prior Code, § 5-102)

Sec. 5-103. Reflectors required.

(a) Every bicycle, when in use at nighttime, shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear of a type approved by the Highway Department which shall be visible from six hundred (600) feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

(b) A bicycle shall not be equipped with, nor shall any person use upon a bicycle, any siren or whistle.

(c) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to stop the bicycle within twenty-five (25) feet from a speed of ten (10) miles per hour on dry, level, clean pavement.

(Prior Code, § 5-103)

State law reference—Similar provisions, W.S. 31-5-706.

Sec. 5-104. Impoundment of bicycles.

The bicycle or electric bicycle of any person found violating the provisions of this title shall be impounded by the Police Department for a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days such impounding being subject to appeal at the behest of the owner thereof to the Municipal Judge of the Town.

(Prior Code, § 5-104)

Sec. 5-105. Responsibility of parents for knowingly permitting violation.

It shall be unlawful for the parents of any child or guardian of any ward to authorize or knowingly permit any such child or ward to violate any of the provisions of this title or any traffic regulation applicable to bicyclists or electric bicyclists.

(Prior Code, § 5-105)

Sec. 5-106. Penalty.

Any person found violating any provision of this chapter shall be subject to the penalty provisions of Section 1-801.

(Prior Code, § 5-106)

Sec. 5-107. Electric bicycles.

(a) The operator of an electric bicycle is subject to W.S. 31-5-702 and is not subject to the provisions of law relating to financial responsibility, driver's licenses, registration, certificates of title or off-road recreational vehicles. An electric bicycle shall not be a motor vehicle.

(b) Every manufacturer or distributor of an electric bicycle shall ensure that a label is permanently affixed in a prominent location on each electric bicycle sold or distributed by the manufacturer or distributor. The label shall indicate the class number as defined in W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xxxiv), the top assisted speed and motor wattage of the electric bicycle and shall be printed in at least nine (9) point font.

(c) A person shall not modify an electric bicycle to change the motor-powered speed capability or motor engagement of the electric bicycle, unless the person replaces the label required in Subsection (b) of this section indicating the classification.

(d) An electric bicycle shall comply with the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission equipment and manufacturing requirements for bicycles, 16 CFR 1512.

(e) An electric bicycle shall operate according to class so that when the rider stops pedaling, applies the brakes or the electric motor is disengaged, the electric motor assist ceases to function.

State law reference—Similar provisions, W.S. 31-5-702.