

CHAPTER 9 – VEHICLES & TRAFFIC

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Section 9-5-101 Applicability of traffic laws.

Every person riding or operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle by the laws of the State of South Dakota and the provisions of this chapter declaring rules of the road applicable to the driver of a vehicle except as to those provisions of laws and ordinances which by their nature have no application.

Source: Ord. no. 803, 1969; 995, 1978; 1127, 1984; 1144, 1985; Rev. of Ord., 1990.

Section 9-5-102 Regulations for operation of bicycles generally.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle in any of the following described manners:

- A. At a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under conditions then existing.
- B. Failing to use bike path. Whenever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to the roadway or as part of the roadway, bicycle riders shall use such paths and shall not use the remaining portion of the roadway. Wherever the City has provided sidewalks and bituminous ramps adjacent to streets for the accommodation of bicycle riders, such sidewalks and ramps shall be regarded as usable paths for bicycles.
- C. Failing to yield. The operators of a bicycle shall stop prior to emerging from any alley, public or private driveway or building upon any street or sidewalk or sidewalk area and shall yield right of way to all vehicles and pedestrians approaching upon any street, highway, sidewalk or sidewalk area.
- D. Attaching the bicycle or the rider in any manner to any other vehicle anywhere in the city.
- E. Towing or drawing any coaster, sled, person on roller skates, toy vehicle or other similar vehicle upon any roadway.
- F. Riding more than two (2) abreast.
- G. Carrying any package, bundle or article which prevents or interferes with the rider keeping both hands upon the handlebars.
- H. Riding with both hands removed from the handlebars or both feet from the pedals or practicing any acrobatic riding upon any bicycle on any roadway, sidewalk or bicycle path. As defined in this section.
- I. Failing to signal. Before turning or changing the direction of any bicycle upon any street highway, parkway or public place, it shall be the duty of the bicycle rider to give a proper hand signal by the extension of the left hand to indicate the direction of the intended turn.

Source: Ord. No. 834, 1970; 792A, 1968; 733, 1964; 953, 1978; 958, 1976; 1052, 1980; Rev. of Ord., 1990.

Section 9-5-103 Obedience to traffic devices and signs.

- A. Any person operating a bicycle shall obey the instructions of traffic control devices unless otherwise directed by a police officer.
- B. On any street or intersection where U-turns or other turns are prohibited and signs are erected and in place so indicating, no person operating a bicycle shall disobey the direction of any such sign, except where such person dismounts from the bicycle to make such turn, in which event such person shall then obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians.

Source: Ord. No. 692, 1960; 974, 1977; Rev. of Ord., 1990.

Statutory reference: SDCL 9-31-2, designation of routes of travel for commercial vehicles.

Section 9-5-104 Manner of riding.

- A. Any person operating a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, nor carry any other person upon such bicycle other than on a firmly attached and regular seat.
- B. No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped, except on a baby seat attached to the bicycle, provided that such seat is equipped with a harness to hold the child securely to the seat and that protection is provided against the child's feet hitting the spokes of the wheels or in a seat attached to the bicycle operator.

Source: R.O. Pierre, 1957, 14.0706; Rev. of Ord., 1990.

Section 9-5-105 Equipment required.

- A. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake adequate to control the movement and to stop the bicycle whenever necessary.
- B. Every bicycle when used between thirty (30) minutes after sunset and thirty (30) minutes before sunrise shall be equipped with a light and reflectors of a type approved by the Pierre Police Department. A white light must be visible from a distance of at least three hundred (300) feet to the front. An amber reflector shall be located on the frame or the front wheel so that it is visible from fifty (50) to three (300) feet on each side of the bicycle when directly in front of the lawful upper beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. A red reflector facing the rear must be visible from fifty (50) to two hundred (200) feet when directly in front of the lawful upper beams of the headlamps on a motor vehicle.
- C. A bicycle shall not be equipped with, nor shall any person upon a bicycle use, except a police officer or reserve police officer, any siren.

Source: R.O. Pierre, 1957, 14.0707; Rev. of Ord., 1990.

Section 9-5-106 Riding on sidewalks.

- A. No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk in the business district as herein defined. However, persons may dismount and walk their bicycles on the sidewalk in the business district. The business district for the purposes of this ordinance shall be that area on Pierre Street from Sioux Avenue southerly to Missouri Avenue.

- B. Whenever any person is riding upon a sidewalk in a location other than the business district, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal or call before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.
- C. Wherever the City has provided sidewalks and bituminous ramps adjacent to the streets for the accommodation of bicycle riders, such sidewalks and ramps shall be regarded as usable paths, except within the business districts as stated in this Section.

Source: R.O. Pierre, 1957, 14.0808; Rev. of Ord., 1990.

Section 9-5-107 Parking and parking spaces.

- A. No person shall park a bicycle against any window or parking meter or on the main traveled portion of the sidewalk nor in such manner as to constitute a hazard to pedestrians, traffic and/or property.
- B. Notwithstanding subsection A, when bicycle parking spaces have been established and designated, no person shall park a bicycle in the vicinity thereof except in such bicycle parking spaces.

Source: R.O. Pierre, 1957, 14.0810; Rev. of Ord, 1990.

Section 9-5-108 Repealed.

Source: Ord. 1277, 1991; Ord. No. 1298, 1992.

Section 9-5-109 to 199, inclusive. Reserved.