

## CHAPTER 71: RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

### Section

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### § 71.01 BICYCLES ON CITY STREETS.

(A) Every person operating a bicycle upon the city streets, alleys, or highways shall at all times operate such bicycle with due regard to his or her own safety and the safety of others lawfully upon the streets, alleys, and highways of the city and shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at cross walks. Every person operating a bicycle upon any street, alley, or highway in the city shall comply with all traffic signs and signals erected for vehicular traffic and with all laws upon the streets, alleys, and highways, except such provisions which by their nature can have no application.

(B) It shall be permissible for any person to ride a bicycle upon any sidewalk within a residential district. Such bicycle riders shall, at all times, yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and shall give pedestrians audible warning by signal before overtaking and passing them. No person shall ride a bicycle upon the sidewalk or within a roadway where official regulation signs placed prohibit such riding. Any person riding a bicycle on the sidewalk shall come to a complete stop and give the right-of-way to all vehicular traffic before entering a roadway.

(C) No person shall ride on any street, highway, or alley in the city more than two abreast. A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than upon the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, not to carry any other person on such bicycle otherwise than upon a firmly attached and regular seat thereon, nor shall any person ride upon a bicycle otherwise than as above stated. No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is equipped and designed.

(D) It shall be unlawful for any person riding upon a bicycle to attach such bicycle or himself or herself to any train or moving vehicle upon any street.

(E) Every bicycle operated within the city shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

(F) Every bicycle operated on any street in the city from one-half hour before sunset to one-half hour before sunrise shall be equipped with a lamp on the front exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front, and with a lamp on the rear exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear; provided, however, that a red reflector may be used in lieu of the rear light.

(G) No bicycle shall be ridden faster than is reasonable regard for the safety of the operator and other persons upon the streets and other public ways of the city.

(H) All bicycles, when driven on roadways, shall keep to the right and shall be driven as nearly as is practical to the right edge of the roadway.

(I) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in trick riding or to operate any bicycle upon the streets and highways of the city without maintaining full control of such bicycle by keeping both hands upon the handle grips thereof, except when necessary to give required hand signal of intention to change the course of the bicycle.

(J) Bicycles shall not at any time, in any place, be indiscriminately parked by anyone along buildings, or in such a manner as to interfere with pedestrian traffic or persons getting in or out of their automobiles. If, in any business or commercial district or area, or adjacent to any public building or institution, official parking zones or spaces are designated, then it shall be unlawful to park bicycles in any such district or areas except in such officially designated parking spaces. Only the rightful user shall move or in any manner interfere with any bicycle which is properly parked, nor shall any person interfere or in any manner hinder any person from parking a bicycle in the manner provided, except that members of the Police Department or Fire Department may move or, in proper cases, prevent the parking of any bicycle in the manner herein provided when in the judgment of such police officer or firefighter such action is necessary in order to properly safeguard persons and property.  
(Prior Code, § V-3-1) (Ord. 7-74, passed 7-23-1974) Penalty, see § 71.99

## § 71.02 GOLF CARTS.

(A) For purposes of this section, a **GOLF CART** is a four-wheeled vehicle that is not under ordinary circumstances moved, operated, or driven at a speed greater than 25 mph.

(B) In order to operate a golf cart on any street, alley, or road within the city limits, the driver of such a golf cart must have a valid driver's license per state law.

(C) All golf carts must have insurance on said golf cart and have proof of insurance in the golf cart at all times during the operation of said golf cart in the corporate limits.

(D) All golf carts must display a red or amber flashing light at times when headlamps are necessary for motor vehicles, which light must be visible from a distance of no less than 500 feet from the rear of the golf cart. In addition, if said golf cart is operated at times when headlamps are necessary, said



golf cart must be equipped with both headlamps and tail lights that are in working order. All golf carts must be equipped with a rear view mirror, seat belts, and a slow moving vehicle sign.

(E) While in operation, such golf cart must carry no more passengers than it was designed to carry and all passengers must be seated and wearing a seat belt at all times.

(F) While operating a golf cart within the corporate limits, any operator must abide by all traffic laws in the operation of said golf cart.

(G) Any person who wishes to operate a golf cart in the city must register the golf cart and have said golf cart inspected at the Loogootee Police Department. An initial registration fee of \$25 will be charged, with annual renewal fee of \$10. A member of the Police Department will be responsible to inspect the cart and ask for proof of insurance. The registration must be with the golf cart at all times.

(H) This section shall be in full force and effect following its passage, approval, and publication according to the laws of the state.

(I) Golf carts will need to be renewed each year by March 31.  
(Ord. 2009-2, passed 6-12-2009; Ord. 2016-4, passed 7-11-2016; Ord. 2017-8, passed 11-13-2017)  
Penalty, see § 71.99

## § 71.99 PENALTY.

(A) Any person violating any provision of this chapter for which no specific penalty is prescribed shall be subject to § 10.99 of this code of ordinances.

(B) (1) Whenever any bicycle shall be operated in violation of any of the provisions of § 71.01 or in violation of the state traffic, and insofar as the same is applicable, such bicycle may be seized by any member of the Police Department and impounded. Such bicycle, if belonging to a person under 16 years of age, shall be surrendered to the parent or guardian of such minor without charge after a full explanation to such parent or guardian of the reason for impounding the bicycle.

(2) The Chief of Police is hereby empowered (for not more than six months) to impound a bicycle. A complete record of each such impounding shall be kept in the office of the Chief of Police.

(C) Anyone violating any of the provisions of § 71.02 shall be subject to a fine of \$25 for the first violation, \$50 for the second violation, and \$75 for the third violation. If a person is cited for a violation of § 71.02 more than three times, the registration shall be revoked and said golf cart shall no longer be allowed to operate on streets, roads, or alleys within the city.

(Ord. 7-74, passed 7-23-1974; Ord. 2009-2, passed 6-12-2009)