

Oklahoma City Bicycle Ordinance

ARTICLE XIV. BICYCLES*

*Cross references: Defacing or removing bicycle serial number, tag, etc., § 30-43; bicycles in parks, § 38-96.
State law references: Bicycles, 47 O.S. § 11-1201 et seq.; authority of municipalities to regulate bicycles, 47 O.S. § 15-102(a)8.

§ 32-476. Scope.

The provisions of this article shall apply whenever a bicycle is operated upon any street or upon any public way, subject to those exceptions stated in this article.

(Code 1970, § 34-240; Code 1980, § 32-476)

State law references: Application of bicycle regulations, 47 O.S. § 11-1201(c).

§ 32-477. Application of traffic laws to bicycles.

Every person riding 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 vehicle by the laws of this State and the traffic provisions of this Code applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations in this article and except as to those provisions of laws and ordinances which by their nature are inapplicable to such persons.

(Code 1970, § 34-241; Code 1980, § 32-477)

State law references: Application of traffic laws to bicycles, 47 O.S. § 11-1202.

§ 32-478. Obedience to traffic control devices.

(a) Any person operating a bicycle shall obey the instructions of official traffic control signs, and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

(b) Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that a turning movement is restricted no person operating a bicycle shall disobey the direction of any such sign, except where that person dismounts from the bicycle to make the turn, in which event such person shall then obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians.

(c) No person shall ride or operate a bicycle in any direction except that permitted of vehicular traffic traveling on the same side of the roadway.

(Code 1970, § 34-242(a)--(c); Ord. No. 15924, § 1, 8-12-80; Code 1980, § 32-478)

§ 32-479. Riding on roadways and bicycle paths generally.

(a) Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the righthand side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or a vehicle proceeding in the same direction.

(b) Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or

parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

(c) Whenever a bicycle lane has been established on a roadway, any person operating a bicycle upon the roadway at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction shall ride within the bicycle lane, except that such person may move out of the lane under any of the following situations:

- (1) Whenever overtaking or passing another bicycle, vehicle or pedestrian within the lane or about to enter the lane if such overtaking and passing cannot be done safely within the lane.
 - (2) When preparing for a turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.
 - (3) When reasonably necessary to leave the bicycle lane to avoid debris or other hazardous conditions.
- (Code 1970, § 34-244; Ord. No. 15924, § 1, 8-12-80; Code 1980, § 32-479;
Ord. No. 22414, § 1, 3-2-04)

State law references: Riding on roadway and bicycle paths, 47 O.S. § 11-1205.

§ 32-480. Manner of riding bicycle.

(a) A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.

(b) No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

(Code 1970, § 34-243; Code 1980, § 32-480)

State law references: Similar provisions, 47 O.S. § 11-1203.

§ 32-481. Speed restrictions.

No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.

(Code 1970, § 34-245; Code 1980, § 32-481)

§ 32-482. Yielding right-of-way from bicycle path or sidewalks.

Every person riding a bicycle on a bikepath or sidewalk that is about to enter or cross a roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all traffic on such roadway.

(Code 1970, § 9-242(d); Ord. No. 15924, § 1, 8-12-80; Code 1980, § 32-482)

§ 32-483. Leaving bicycle lanes.

No person operating a bicycle shall leave a bicycle lane until the movement can be made with reasonable safety and then only after giving an appropriate signal.

(Code 1970, § 9-242(e); Ord. No. 15924, § 1, 8-12-80; Code 1980, § 32-483)

§ 32-484. Motor vehicles in bicycle lanes.

Whenever a bicycle lane has been established on a roadway any person operating a motor vehicle on such a roadway shall not drive in the bicycle lane except to park where parking is permitted, to enter or leave the roadway or to prepare for a turn.

(Code 1970, § 34-242(f); Ord. No. 15924, § 1, 8-12-80; Code 1980, § 32-484)

§ 32-485. Bicycles emerging from alleys or driveways; yielding right-of-way.

The operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway, or building, shall, upon approaching a

sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on the sidewalk or sidewalk area. Upon entering the roadway the operator shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the roadway.

(Code 1970, § 34-246; Code 1980, § 32-485)

§ 32-486. Clinging to vehicles prohibited.

No person riding upon any bicycle shall attach the same or himself to any streetcar or vehicle upon a roadway.

(Code 1970, § 34-247; Code 1980, § 32-486)

State law references: Clinging to vehicles, 47 O.S. § 11-1204.

§ 32-487. Riding on sidewalks.

(a) No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district.

(b) The Director is authorized to order the erection of 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 them. Such an order shall be based upon the public health, safety and welfare.

(c) Persons riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing any pedestrian.

(Code 1970, § 34-250; Ord. No. 15924, § 1, 8-12-80; Code 1980, § 32-487)

§ 32-488. Carrying articles.

No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the rider from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars.

(Code 1970, § 34-248; Code 1980, § 32-488)

State law references: Carrying articles, 47 O.S. § 11-1206.

§ 32-489. Parking.

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 manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic.

(Code 1970, § 34-249; Code 1980, § 32-489)

§ 32-490. Lamps and equipment on bicycles.

(a) Bicycles 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 500 feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear of a type which shall be visible from 50 feet to 300 feet to the rear. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 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, any siren or whistle upon a bicycle.

(c) Bicycles shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

(Code 1970, § 34-257; Code 1980, § 32-490)

State law references: Bicycle equipment, 47 O.S. § 11-1207.

§§ 32-491--32-505. Reserved.