

Chapter 12.05

Regulating Bicycles

Section 1. Lights Required. No bicycle shall be permitted on any street or other public highway of the City of Howard Lake between 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise without a headlight visible from the front thereof for not less than 200 feet indicating the approach or presence of the bicycle, firmly attached to such bicycle and properly lighted, nor without a red tail light or in lieu thereof a reflector attached to and visible from the rear of such bicycle for a distance of not less than 200 feet.

Section 2. Riding on Sidewalks. No person shall ride or propel any bicycle upon any sidewalk in such a manner as to interfere with any pedestrian thereon.

Section 3. Careful Riding. No person shall ride or propel a bicycle upon a public street, highway or sidewalk except in a prudent and careful manner and unless such person shall be capable of efficient control and operation of such bicycle.

Section 4. Observe All Traffic Rules. Every person riding or propelling a bicycle upon any public street, highway or sidewalk in the City of Howard Lake shall observe all traffic rules and regulations applicable thereto, and shall turn only at intersections, signal for all turns, ride at the right hand side of the street or highway, shall pass to the right when meeting, and shall observe all traffic signs.

Section 5. The regulatory provisions of the Minnesota Statutes Annotated Chapter 169.222 as amended, are hereby adopted as an ordinance regulating bicycles within the City of Howard Lake and is hereby incorporated in and made part of this ordinance as completely as if set out here in full.

Section 6. Impounding. Any bicycle operated or found on any public place within the City of Howard Lake in violation of this chapter may be impounded by the Police Department and held by the Police Department until an impoundment fee in the amount determined by City Council resolution is paid to the Police Department of the City. In the event the bicycle is not claimed within 3 months from the date of such impounding by the Police Department, said bicycle shall be disposed of by the City in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 hereof.

Section 7. Disposal of Unclaimed Bicycles. Whenever any bicycle has been in the lawful possession of the City for 3 months or more and such bicycle remains unclaimed by the owner thereof, the City may sell such bicycle at a public auction or sale. Published notice shall be made in the official newspaper at least 20 days in advance of the sale. The bicycle shall be sold to the highest bidder as determined by the Chief of Police, operating in the capacity as seller. The proceeds received from said sale, after deducting the costs of the sale shall be placed in the City of Howard Lake General Account.

Section 8. Penalty. Any person convicted of violating any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.