

## ORDINANCE 70

### AN ORDINANCE REGULATING BICYCLES AND THEIR USES

The Village Council of the Village of Bird Island do ordain as follows:

Section 1. TRAFFIC LAWS APPLY TO PERSONS RIDING BICYCLES. Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway or a sidewalk shall be subject to the provisions of the traffic ordinances of this village applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle except as to special regulations in this article and except as to those provisions of the ordinances which by their nature can have no application.

Section 2. OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES. (a) Any person operating a bicycle shall obey the instructions of official traffic signals, signs and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

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

Section 3. RIDING ON BICYCLES. (a) A 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 upon a firmly attached and regular seat thereon, nor shall any person ride upon a bicycle other than as above authorized.

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

Section 4. SPEED. No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.

Section 5. RIDING ON RIGHT. Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near the right hand side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

Section 6. EMERGING FROM ALLEY OR DRIVEWAY. The operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway or building, shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alley way, yield the right of way to all pedestrians approaching on said sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on said roadway.

Section 7. CLINGING TO VEHICLES. No person riding upon any bicycle shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

Section 8. RIDING IN A GROUP. Persons operating 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.

Section 9. CARRYING ARTICLES. No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the rider from keeping both hands upon the handle bars.

Section 10. PARKING. No person shall park a bicycle upon a street other than upon the roadway against the curb or upon a sidewalk in a rack to support the bicycle or at the curb in such a manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic.

Section 11. RIDING ON SIDEWALKS. No person shall ride a bicycle upon the sidewalk upon and along Main Street between H Street (Trunk Highway 212 and F Street (Village Hall), or on H Street and G Street between Sixth Avenue and Maple Street in the Village of Bird Island.

Section 12. RIDING ON SIDEWALK IN UNRESTRICTED DISTRICT. Any person riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, in an unrestricted district, shall, upon overtaking and passing any pedestrian, completely turn off and leave the sidewalk until such pedestrian is passed; provided, however, that if said person riding such bicycle is unable, by reason of any obstruction or the contour and lay of the land, to leave the sidewalk with his or her bicycle in overtaking or passing an individual, such person shall come to a complete stop, dismount from the bicycle and push the same past the person being overtaken or passed, and shall at all times yield the right of way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

Section 13. LAMPS AND REFLECTORS OF BICYCLES. No bicycles shall be permitted on any sidewalk, street or other public highway of the Village of Bird Island between thirty minutes after sunset and thirty minutes before sunrise unless there is firmly attached to the bicycle a headlight visible under normal atmospheric conditions from the front of the bicycle for not less than 300 feet and a yellow or red light or reflector attached to the rear and visible 200 feet in that direction. The headlight shall give a clear white light and shall be properly lighted during such hours of darkness, except, however, that an approved reflector, meeting the minimum requirements of the State Uniform Highway Traffic Act, may be used in lieu of a rear light.

Section 14. BRAKES ON BICYCLES. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheel skid on a dry, level, clean pavement.

Section 15. PENALTIES. (a) Every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than One and no/100 (\$1.00) Dollars plus the costs, or by imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days in the County Jail.

(b) The Court shall, after a conviction for the third offense, order the offender's bicycle impounded for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days.

Passed by the Village Council of the Village of Bird Island this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1944.

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Mike Sanger, Mayor

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Gustave Steffen, Clerk

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