

## CHAPTER 4

### BICYCLES

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**Sec. 4.1. RESERVED.**

*(Ord. No. 800, Sec. 6; Code 1956, Sec 24-6; Ord. No. 2473, Sec. 2-26-74; Ord. No. 3669, 6-11-02) [State Law Ref Iowa Code Sec. 321.236(10)]*

**Sec. 4.2. RESERVED.**

*(Ord. No. 800, Sec. 7; Code 1956, Sec. 24-7; Ord No. 2473, Sections 1, 2, 2-26-74; Ord No. 3016, Sec. 1, 7-19-88; Ord. No. 3669, 6-11-02)*

**Sec. 4.3. RESERVED.**

*(Ord. No. 800, Sections 8, 15, Code 1956, Sections 24-8, 24-15; Ord. No. 2177, Sec. 1, 4-4-67; Ord. No. 2473, Sec. 2, 2-26-74; Ord. No. 3669, 6-11-02)*

**Sec. 4.4. RESERVED.**

*(Ord. No. 800, Sec. 9, Code 1956, Sec. 24-9; Ord. No. 2473, Sec. 2, 2-26-74; Ord. No. 3669, 6-11-02)*

**Sec. 4.5. RESERVED.**

*(Ord. No. 2473, Sec. 2, 2-26-74; Ord. No. 3669, 6-11-02)*

**Sec. 4.6. APPLICABILITY OF TRAFFIC LAWS.**

Every person riding a bicycle, tricycle or unicycle upon a roadway is granted all rights and is subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of this state declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles or by the traffic ordinances of this city applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations in this chapter and except as to those provisions of laws and ordinances which by their nature can have no application.

*(Ord. No. 800, Sec. 18; Code 1956, Sec. 24-18) [State Law Ref. Iowa Code Sec. 321.234]*

**Sec. 4.7. NUMBER OF PASSENGERS.**

No bicycle, tricycle or unicycle shall be used to carry more than one person unless equipped with a seat for each person carried.

*(Ord. No. 800, Sec. 20; Code 1956, Sec. 24-20(b); Ord. No. 2630, Sections 1, 2, 11-15-77)[State Law Ref. 321.234(3) and 321.234(4)]*

**Sec. 4.8. RIDING ON ROADWAYS, SIDEWALKS, BICYCLE PATHS.**

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

(2) Persons riding bicycles, tricycles or unicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two (2) abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. Single file when traffic is heavy.

(3) Persons riding bicycles, tricycles or unicycles upon a bicycle path not affixed to a roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicular traffic traveling on the public roadways which intersect with the bicycle path. Persons riding bicycles upon a bicycle path which is a designated lane or part of a roadway shall obey the instructions of official traffic-control signals, signs, and other control devices applicable to vehicles.

(4) No person shall operate any motor vehicle, including a motorcycle, motor scooter, 'mo-ped' or motorized bicycle, when under power, upon any sidewalk or bike path separated from the roadway, except that golf carts may be operated on the following described portions of bike paths:

(a) The bike path along South Sixteenth Street commencing at the South Riverside Drive intersection and going north to Elwood Drive, across Elwood Drive and continuing north along the east side of Jack Trice Stadium to South fourth Street, across south Fourth Street, and then north to Center Drive;

(b) The bike path along Beach Avenue from South Fourth Street north to Lincoln Way, across Lincoln Way then north along Wallace Road to its intersection with Union Drive, then south on Union Drive to Welch Avenue, then along Welch Avenue to Lincoln Way;

(c) The bike path along Center Drive from Elwood Drive to Beach Avenue; and

(d) The bike path along Elwood Drive from Center Drive to South Fourth Street.

This exception to Sec. 4.8(4) shall be in effect from July 23, 1999 through July 29, 1999..

See also Section 19.14.

*(Ord. No. 800, Sec. 21; Code 1956, Sec. 24-21; Ord. No. 2473, Sections 1, 2, 2-26-73; Ord. No. 2631, Sec. 1, 11-15-77; Ord. No. 2692, Sec. 1, 1-2-79; Ord. No. 3003, Sec. 6, 2-23-88; Ord. No. 3527, 6-22-99)*

#### **Sec. 4.9. SPEED, OPERATION TO BE REASONABLE AND PRUDENT.**

No person shall operate a bicycle, tricycle or unicycle at a speed greater than, or in a manner other than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.

*(Ord. No. 800, Sec. 22; Code 1956, Sec. 24-22)*

#### **Sec. 4.10. EMERGING FROM ALLEY, DRIVEWAY, BUILDING.**

The operator of a bicycle, tricycle or unicycle emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, 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.

*(Ord. No. 800, Sec. 23; Code 1956, Sec. 24-23)*

#### **Sec. 4.11. CLINGING TO VEHICLES.**

No person riding upon any bicycle, tricycle or unicycle shall attach the same or themselves to any vehicle or be in any manner towed upon a roadway.

*(Ord. No. 800, Sec. 24; Code 1956, Sec. 24-24)*

#### **Sec. 4.12. CARRYING ARTICLES.**

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

*(Ord. No. 800, Sec. 26; Code 1956, Sec. 24-26)*

#### **Sec. 4.13. RIDING ON SIDEWALKS.**

It is unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle, tricycle or unicycle upon any sidewalk on the following streets:

**Main Street** from Duff Avenue to Clark Avenue.

**Lincoln Way** on the south side thereof from Stanton Avenue to Hayward Avenue.

**Hayward Avenue** on the east side thereof from Lincoln Way to Hunt Street.

**Welch Avenue** from Lincoln Way to Knapp Street.

See also Section 19.14.

*(Ord. No. 800, Sec. 27; Code 1956, Sec. 24-27; Ord. No. 2630, Sections 1, 2, 11-15-77; Ord. No. 3073, Sec. 1, 3-20-90)*

#### **Sec. 4.14. RIGHT-OF-WAY OF PEDESTRIANS ON SIDEWALKS; SIGNAL REQUIRED.**

Whenever any person is riding a bicycle, tricycle or unicycle upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing any such pedestrian.

*(Ord. No. 800, Sec. 28; Code 1956, Sec. 24-28)*

**Sec. 4.15. BICYCLES PROHIBITED ON GRAND AVENUE.**

The riding of bicycles, tricycles or unicycles on the roadway of Grand Avenue in the City of Ames, Iowa, is prohibited. Any person who shall ride a bicycle on the traveled portion of the roadway of Grand Avenue between Lincoln Way and 30th Street in the City of Ames shall be in violation of this section.

See also Section 19.14.

*(Ord. No. 2647, Sec. 1, 3-28-78)*

**Sec. 4.16. LAMPS, REFLECTORS REQUIRED.**

Every bicycle, tricycle or unicycle when in use during the hours from sunset to sunrise shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet to the front and with a red reflector or lamp on the rear which shall be visible three hundred (300) feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle.

*(Ord. No. 800, Sec. 30; Code 1956, Sec. 24-30; Ord. No. 2630, Sections 1, 2, 11-15-77) [State Law Ref. Iowa Code Sec. 321.397]*

**Sec. 4.17. BRAKE REQUIRED.**

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

*(Ord. No. 800, Sec. 32; Code 1956, Sec. 24-32)*

**Sec. 4.18. PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES PERTAINING TO BICYCLES.**

(1) A violation of any provision of Chapter 4, Bicycles, shall be a municipal infraction punishable by a penalty of \$50.00 for a person's first violation thereof, and a penalty of \$100.00 for each repeat violation.

(2) Alternatively, a violation of Chapter 4 can be charged by a peace officer of the City as a simple misdemeanor.

*(Ord. No. 3003, Sec. 6, 2-23-88; Ord. No. 3497, Sec. 3, 8-25-98; Ord. No. 3551, 3-7-00)*