

3-2 REGISTRATION OF BICYCLES.

3-2.1 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

Bicycle shall mean any two-wheeled vehicle having a rear drive wheel which is solely human-powered and having a seat height of twenty-five (25) inches or greater when the seat is in the lowest adjustable position.

(1980 Code § 82-1)

3-2.2 Registration Required; Attachment of Decal.

No person residing in the Borough shall operate a bicycle upon any public street or other public place within the Borough unless such bicycle has been registered with the Police Department, as evidenced by a registration decal which shall be attached to such bicycle.

(1980 Code § 82-2)

3-2.3 Registration Procedure.

a. Every person required under the terms of this section to obtain a registration decal shall apply for and procure the same from the Roselle Park Police Department at a fee of one (\$1.00) dollar.

b. The registration decal shall be fastened to the frame of the bicycle in a place to be determined by the Chief of Police. Removal of the decal shall be grounds for revocation of the registration.

c. No person shall willfully or maliciously remove, destroy, mutilate or alter the registration decal during the period for which such decal is operative.

d. Every person shall within ninety (90) days after acquiring a bicycle obtain a registration decal as set forth above. A registration decal shall be valid for as long as the person owns the bicycle. The Police Department shall also issue a registration card to each owner and keep a record of each registration.

e. The Police Department, for identification purposes, shall stamp a number on the frame of the bicycle on which no serial number can be found or on which the original serial number is illegible.

(1980 Code § 82-3; New)

3-2.4 Bicycle to be in Safe Mechanical Condition.

A registration decal shall only be issued by the Roselle Park Police Department upon a satisfactory showing by the applicant to the registration authority that the bicycle is in a safe mechanical condition.

(1980 Code § 82-4)

3-2.5 Safety Rules and Regulations.

No person shall operate a bicycle upon the sidewalks of the Borough in a careless or reckless manner. No operator of the bicycle shall leave a bicycle lying on or standing upon the sidewalk in such a manner as to hinder or impede pedestrians.

(1980 Code § 82-5)

3-2.6 Riding in Certain Areas Prohibited.

a. No person shall ride a bicycle upon the sidewalks of the central business district of the Borough. Any bicycle operator shall dismount and walk his bicycle on the sidewalks of the central business district.

b. The "central business district" is defined as the sidewalks on the east and west sides of Chestnut Street from Westfield Avenue to Grant Avenue and the sidewalks on the north side of Westfield Avenue from Locust Street to a point three hundred seventy-four (374) feet from the intersection of the easterly side line of Chestnut Street and the northerly side line of Westfield Avenue.

(1980 Code § 82-5.1)

3-2.7 Notification of Sale or Transfer of Ownership.

Every licensee under this section who sells or transfers ownership of a bicycle shall notify the Roselle Park Police Department of the sale or transfer within seventy-two (72) hours and at the same time furnish the Police Department with the name and address of the new owner.

(1980 Code § 82-6)

3-2.8 Enforcement; Violations and Penalties.

a. The intent of this section is not the prosecution of children, but the education and training of children for their own and the community welfare. Failure to comply with or the violation of any provisions of this section or with the safety regulations promulgated by the Chief of Police may also subject the operator to the authority having jurisdiction over juvenile offenders.

b. The Police of the Borough may inspect any bicycle on any public street or place at any time to ascertain whether or not it has been properly registered, or has a registration decal properly fixed thereto, and is in proper mechanical condition to be operated safely. In the event that a bicycle is being used or operated without the registration decal or is in such condition as to be unfit for safe operation or there is a failure to comply with the requirements of this chapter, the Police may impound the bicycle until such time as the owner or registrant has procured the necessary registration decal or has agreed to render the bicycle safe for use or has fully complied with all requirements of this section.

c. Whenever any bicycle shall be impounded for violation of the provisions of this section, it shall be surrendered at the expiration of the impounded period to the owner, parents or the guardian of the offender on the payment of a charge for storage, at the discretion of the Chief of Police, but, if a charge is made, it shall not exceed two (\$2.00) dollars for the first impoundment and five (\$5.00) dollars for the second impoundment. In the case of seizure of a bicycle because it has been found in the possession of a person, firm, partnership or corporation not the legal owner thereof, it shall be sold at public auction after the expiration of six (6) months from the date of seizure. Notice containing a description of the bicycle shall be published in a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Roselle Park at least one (1) week prior to the date of the sale. The proceeds of the sale shall be remitted to the treasurer of the registration fund.

d. Any person over the age of eighteen (18) years who violates any provision of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

(1980 Code § 82-7)