

# The City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## CHAPTER 1974-11

No. 200 **AN ORDINANCE** AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE ESTABLISHING REGISTRATION OF BICYCLES OWNED AND OPERATED BY PERSONS WITHIN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

Approved April 10, 1974

### *Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

SECTION 1: Definitions. Whenever in this ordinance the following terms are used they shall have the meanings as ascribed to them in this section:

(a) Bicycle. The word "bicycle" shall mean and include a vehicle with two tandem wheels, neither of which is less than twenty (20) inches in diameter with solid or pneumatic tires, having a steering wheel or bar, a saddle seat, and propelled by human power.

(b) Dealers in Bicycles. A "dealer in bicycles" is any person engaging in the sale of bicycles in retail or wholesale.

(c) Licensee. A "licensee" is any person who procures from the Bureau of Licenses a license plate or a tag for a bicycle, together with a registration card accompanying the same.

(d) License Plate. A metal plate or tag issued by the Bureau of Licenses bearing the license number.

(e) Operate. The word "operate" or any form or tense thereof shall mean and refer to the use, putting into action or causing to function of a bicycle by a person mounted thereon.

(f) Rental Agency. Any person engaging in the business of offering for rental and renting bicycles for hire by the public.

In addition to the above definitions, any applicable definitions of the traffic ordinances or traffic rules and regulations shall be deemed to be included herein.

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SECTION 2: Registration and License

(a) It shall be unlawful for any resident of the City of Providence to operate a bicycle upon any street, sidewalk or other public place in the City without having first registered such bicycle with the Bureau of Licenses and secured a license therefor.

(b) Application. To obtain a registration the owner shall file with such Bureau of Licenses an application signed by the owner, except that an application made by a minor under the age of 18 years shall be signed by the parent or legal guardian of such minor. Such application shall contain the name and address of the owner and the description of the bicycle contained in the application and the person or firm from whom purchased.

(c) The Bureau of Licenses shall assign to such bicycle a distinguishing registration number and expiration date and shall issue to the owner a certificate or registration which shall contain the registration number assigned to such bicycle and which shall be in such form and shall contain such information as referred to in paragraph (b) of this section.

(d) Each bicycle so registered shall have displayed on it, attached to the rear portion of its seat or fender, a registration plate issued by the Bureau of Licenses, which number shall correspond with the registration number assigned by said Bureau.

(e) Upon the sale or change of ownership of any registered bicycle, the registration and registered number shall be transferred to the new owner at the Bureau of Licenses within one week of such sale or change or ownership. Said Bureau of Licenses shall provide the necessary forms for such transaction. The fee for each transfer shall be Fifty (.50) cents.

(f) Any change in the appearance or character of any registered bicycle shall be reported to the Bureau of Licenses within 48 hours.

(g) Term of the License. The license so issued shall be effective for one year. The license year shall be from August 1 to July 31.

(h) The fee for registration of any one bicycle shall be Fifty (.50) cents.

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SECTION 3: Rental Agencies. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to rent, or offer to rent, any bicycle within the City of Providence without first complying with the provisions of Section 2 of this ordinance relating to registration and licensing of bicycles.

(a) Equipment. Bicycles offered for rent by a rental agency shall be equipped with the lights and other equipment required by this ordinance and shall be kept in good and safe working condition. Rental agencies shall comply with all the provisions of this ordinance, and shall be responsible for the condition of the bicycles they rent.

(b) Inspection. The chief of police shall make periodic inspections of the rental agencies to insure compliance with the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 4: Dealers. Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of selling, buying or trading new or used bicycles within the City is hereby required to make a written report to the chief of police at the end of each month, or oftener if requested by him; such report shall contain the following information:

(a) The name and address of each person to whom a bicycle was sold, purchased or traded during the period covered by the report;

(b) A description of the bicycle involved in each transaction including the name of the manufacturer, the serial number of the frame, and the license number of the bicycle if the bicycle has been registered and a license issued therefor to the owner by the City;

(c) And such additional information as the chief of police may require.

SECTION 5: Other Provisions

(a) Inspection. Any member of the Police Department is authorized to inspect any bicycle, at any reasonable time, for the purpose of making a checkup of the license plate and license number, serial number, and for the purpose of determining the mechanical condition of the bicycle.

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(b) Removal of serial number or license plate. It shall be unlawful for any person, wilfully or maliciously, to remove, destroy, mutilate or alter the serial number of any bicycle license hereunder; or to remove, destroy, mutilate or alter any license plate or registration card during the time in which the license plate or registration card is in force. The chief of police is hereby authorized to stamp numbers on the frame of a bicycle in a legible manner for identification purposes, upon which no serial number can be found, or upon which the serial number is illegible or insufficient for identification purposes.

(c) Use of bicycle without consent of owner. It shall be unlawful for any person to use or operate any bicycle within the City without the consent of the owner.

(d) Bicycle without serial number. It shall be unlawful for any person residing in the City, or any dealer in bicycles operating in the City, to purchase, receive in trade, or otherwise acquire any bicycle from which the serial number on the frame has been removed, destroyed, mutilated or altered, without first reporting the same to the chief of police.

(e) Enforcement of provisions. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall cause the provisions of this ordinance to be enforced.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

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