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GENERAL REFERENCES

Vehicles and traffic — See Ch. 129.

§ 53-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

BICYCLE — A two-wheeled vehicle propelled solely by human power.

§ 53-2. Registration required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to ride or operate a bicycle upon any street or public place within the borough unless said bicycle shall first have been properly registered and tagged as hereinafter provided.

§ 53-3. Registration procedure; record.

Every owner or operator of any bicycle within the borough shall file with the Chief of Police a complete description of such bicycle upon a blank form to be provided for the purpose, which filing shall constitute a registration of such bicycle. Such registration shall be serially numbered and be kept on file by the Chief of Police in his office as a public record.

§ 53-4. Identification tag; registration fee.¹

Immediately upon the registration of a bicycle in his office, the Chief of Police or someone designated by him shall affix to such bicycle an identification tag, serially numbered to correspond with the registration of such bicycle. Such tag shall thereafter remain affixed to the bicycle unless removed by the Chief of Police or someone designated by him for cause or for replacement with another tag upon reregistration. A charge of one dollar (\$1.) per registration shall be made for the registration or tagging of any bicycle under the provisions of this chapter.

¹ Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I.

§ 53-5. Biennial registration.²

Bicycles registered under the provisions of this chapter shall be registered biennially on or before August 1 of even years. The Chief of Police or someone designated by him shall affix a new identification tag upon each bicycle at the time of each registration.

§ 53-6. Inspection prior to registration.

The Chief of Police or someone designated by him shall inspect each bicycle presented to him for registration and shall have the authority to refuse to register any bicycle found by him to be in unsafe mechanical condition.

§ 53-7. Cancellation of registration.

The Chief of Police shall have the authority to cancel any registration of and remove any registration tag from any bicycle being operated upon any street or public place in the borough in an unsafe manner or in violation of any state law or local ordinance, and such cancellation of registration and removal of tag shall be in addition to other penalties provided in this chapter.

§ 53-8. Report of change of ownership or dismantling.

Within ten (10) days after any bicycle registered under this chapter shall have changed ownership or been dismantled and taken out of operation, such information shall be reported to the Chief of Police by the person in whose name the bicycle had been registered.

§ 53-9. Operating unregistered bicycle; reckless operation.

Any person who shall operate any bicycle not properly registered or carrying a proper identification tag, as required by

² Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I.

this chapter, upon any street or public place in the borough, or who shall operate such bicycle in a reckless manner, shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to the penalty provided in § 53-15.

§ 53-10. Riding on sidewalk; keeping to right; riding in single file.

It shall be unlawful to ride a bicycle upon any sidewalk. The rider of a bicycle upon a street or roadway shall ride within five (5) feet of the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway when practicable, except when passing a standing or other vehicle or making a left-hand turn at an intersection. All bicyclists shall ride in single file on the streets within the borough limits.

§ 53-11. Riding on crossbar or handlebars; trick riding.

It shall be unlawful for the operator of any bicycle, upon a street or public place, to carry any other person upon the crossbar, handlebars or other part of the bicycle, and it shall be unlawful for any person other than the operator to so ride upon any bicycle. It shall be unlawful for any operator of a bicycle to do trick riding, such as riding the same without having his hands on the handlebars, when such bicycle is being operated upon any street or public place in the borough.

§ 53-12. Lamps and reflectors.

Each bicycle operated upon a street or public place during the time between one (1) hour after sunset and one (1) hour before sunrise shall be equipped with a lamp on the front exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet to the front and with a lamp or reflector on the rear exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear. Any such reflector shall be a minimum of two (2) inches in diameter.

§ 53-13. Brakes.

Every bicycle shall be equipped with brakes in good condition.

§ 53-14. Transfer of registration or identification tag prohibited.

No registration or identification tag shall be assigned or transferred by the owner or holder thereof to any other person.

§ 53-15. Violations and penalties.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than ten dollars (\$10.) or by imprisonment in the Lehigh County Jail for a term of not more than ten (10) days.