

## New city ordinance

# Bike riding prohibited in the mall area

Bicycle riding has been banned in the Eugene Mall following action taken by the Eugene City Council at its regular meeting Monday night.

Under a new city ordinance, which went into effect Tuesday morning, anyone caught riding a bicycle in the mall will be warned that he is violating a city ordinance and will be asked to walk his bicycle through the area. If the warning fails, a citation not exceeding \$25 will be issued, City Manager Hugh McKinley said.

The action stemmed from complaints registered to McKinley about bicycle activities conflicting with pedestrian walkways.

Concern was also registered by businessmen who felt the use of mall rampways for bicycle jumping could result in injury to riders and pedestrians. Further concern was heard that new grass planted in the mall was being torn up by cyclists.

University student Sandra Sherman suggested bicycles could be ridden after a majority of stores had been closed in the mall area. McKinley referred the suggestion to the city's bicycle study committee for further possible modification of the ordinance.

Under the new ordinance, bicycles will be allowed in the mall but they must be walked. It was brought to the council's attention that parking of bicycles in the mall is a hazard and the question of bicycle parking facilities was raised.

According to Ernest Drapela, assistant director of parks and recreation, under the order of McKinley, bike racks could be ordered immediately. He felt the bicycle racks should be "placed where people are parking their bicycles now."

A suggestion was made by councilman Fred Mohr that bikes could be parked for a fee in the Overpark and riders could receive a token from downtown merchants reimbursing them, thus enabling them to park their bicycles in a covered facility for free. This matter was also referred to the bicycle study committee.

Miss Sherman pointed out that in regard to Mohr's suggestion, it would be more beneficial to the city to promote the free use of bicycles to avoid putting them in a paradoxical situation with regard to automobile pollution.

"I would think it would be more advantageous, from the city's point of view, for people to ride bicycles instead of driving cars," she said. "There isn't much difference if you have to pay for both."



Photo by Matt McCormick

It was proposed at the Monday evening meeting of the Eugene city council that the city place bicycle racks in the downtown area outside of the Mall. The purpose of the racks would be to temporarily house bikes which would otherwise be parked at various places in the Mall. As of Tuesday morning, no bicycles can be ridden in the Mall area; they may only be walked.

**Editor's Note: The ordinance prohibiting bicycle riding in the downtown mall is not the only bicycle legislation in the books of the city of Eugene. The Emerald reprints below all bicycle legislation listed in the Eugene City Code.**

### ARTICLE V. BICYCLES

#### DIVISION 1. GENERALLY.

##### Sec. 28.67. Subject to traffic laws.

Every person riding or operating a bicycle on any street, alley, or public place in the city shall be subject to all provisions of the laws of the state and of this chapter and other ordinances of the city applicable to the drivers of vehicles, except the provisions thereof which by their very nature can have no application.

##### Sec. 28.68. Carrying passengers.

No person shall operate or ride on any bicycle upon the streets, alleys or public highways of the city with two or more persons upon the same bicycle; provided however, that this restriction shall not apply to tandem bicycles or other bicycles equipped for two or more riders, but, in such event, no person shall be permitted to operate any such bicycle with the passenger in front of the operator.

##### Sec. 28.69. Clinging to moving vehicles.

Any person riding upon any bicycle shall not attach the same or himself to any moving vehicle upon the roadway.

##### Sec. 28.70. Riding on sidewalks in Fire Zone No. 1.

It shall be lawful to ride or operate a bicycle on any sidewalk in the city outside of Fire Zone No. 1. It shall be unlawful to ride or operate a bicycle on any sidewalk within Fire Zone No. 1.

##### Sec. 28.71. Keeping to right; riding abreast.

Every person riding or operating a bicycle on any street, alley or public place in the city shall keep such bicycle on the extreme right of the traffic lane, and it shall be unlawful for two or more operators of bicycles to travel abreast on any street, alley or public place in the city or to operate such bicycle on traffic lanes otherwise than in single file.

##### Sec. 28.72. Bicycle races.

It shall be unlawful for any person to run or engage, or cause to run or to be engaged, in any bicycle race on any street, alley or public place within the corporate limits of the city, except under permit from and under the supervision of the chief of police of the city.

##### Sec. 28.73. Lights and reflectors

No person shall ride or operate any bicycle upon any street, alley or public place within the corporate limits of the city during the period from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise, and all times when fog or other atmospheric conditions render the operation of such bicycle dangerous to traffic or the use of the streets, or at any other time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible any person on the streets a distance of two hundred feet ahead, without having a lighted lamp affixed on the front of such bicycle visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of at least three hundred feet in front of such a bicycle and also a reflex mirror or lighted lamp on the rear of such bicycle exhibiting a red light visible under like conditions from a distance of at least two hundred feet to the rear of such bicycle.

##### Sec. 28.74. Manner of parking; reserved areas in parking meter zones.

Bicycles may be parked next to the curb in the same manner as automobiles in any place in the city outside the parking meter area. The parking areas in the parking meter district described in Schedule VII, adopted by section 28.6 of this Code, shall be reserved for bicycles. In each of such spaces there shall be provided parking facilities for bicycles, and bicycles may be parked in such area for a period not exceeding four hours in the downtown district. In all other parking areas, bicycles shall come under the general terms of this chapter. (Ord. No. 10419, 43.)

##### Sec. 28.75. Marking of reserved parking areas.

The city engineer is hereby directed and authorized to designate by suitable markings each of the reserved parking areas for bicycles upon the street itself.

##### Sec. 28.76. Penalty for violation of article; impounding.

Any persons who shall violate any of the provisions of this article shall be punished as provided by section 1.7 of this Code. In addition to or in lieu of such penalty, the municipal judge may prohibit the operation upon the streets, alleys and public places of the city for a period not to exceed thirty days, of the bicycle so used in such violation, in which event the bicycle so used in such violation shall be impounded with the chief of police and retained by him for the period that the operation thereof is prohibited, or the owner's registration card shall be held for the period during which the operation of the bicycle is prohibited.

#### DIVISION 2. REGISTRATION AND LICENSING.

##### Sec. 28.77. License required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or use a bicycle propelled wholly or in part by muscular power upon any of the streets, alleys or public highways of the city without first obtaining from the police department a license therefor.

##### Sec. 28.78. Issuance and term of licenses.

The police department or agents designated by the chief of police is hereby authorized and directed to issue bicycle licenses upon written application therefor. Such licenses shall be issued for three-year terms, the first term of which shall commence on January 1, 1964, and end December 31, 1966. Such licenses, when issued, shall entitle the licensee to operate the bicycle for which the license has been issued upon the streets, alleys, and public highways of the city.

##### Sec. 28.79. License tags and registration cards; fee; records of licenses.

The city shall provide license tags of a type designated by the chief of police, which shall be issued only to owners of bicycles, together with a registration card, both to be issued by the chief of police or agents designated by him. The license tags and registration cards shall have numbers thereon in numerical order, beginning with number one, indicating the date of expiration; such license tags shall be suitable for attachment upon the frames of bicycles at a place designated by the police department.

##### Sec. 28.80. Reports of dealers in secondhand bicycles.

Bicycle license fees shall be as follows: One dollar for three years or any part thereof.

Such license tag shall remain attached to the bicycle during the existence of the license. The police department shall keep a record of the date of issue and number of each license as well as the name of the person receiving the license.

##### Sec. 28.81. Sale or transfer of ownership.

All persons engaged in the business of buying secondhand bicycles are hereby required to make a report to the police department of the purchase, giving the name, address and person from whom each bicycle is purchased, the description of each bicycle purchased, the frame number thereof and the number of the metallic license plate found thereon, if any. All persons engaged in the business of selling new or secondhand bicycles are hereby required to make a report to the police department giving a list of all sales made, which list shall include the name and address of each person to whom sold, the kind of bicycle sold, together with a description and the frame number thereof and the number of the metallic license plate attached thereto, if any. Such reports shall be made within twenty-four hours from the date of the sale.

It shall be the duty of the purchaser or transferee of any bicycle to apply for a transfer of registration thereof within five days of such sale or transfer.

##### Sec. 28.82. Licenses for persons renting bicycles.

All persons who rent bicycles shall first obtain a license for each bicycle so used by paying the regular license fee. Such license shall be attached to the bicycle for which it is issued. Persons requiring such licenses shall secure the same from the chief of police or his agents.

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