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RULES OF THE ROAD

Things Bowling Green Cyclists Should Know

- Any person operating a bicycle shall:
  - Obey the instructions of official traffic-control devices applicable to vehicles: that means stopping at stop signs and traffic lights, slowing at yield signs and using hand and arm signals before turning.
  - Yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian and vehicular traffic upon the roadway as lawfully required.
  - Not ride their bicycles on the sidewalks in the Business District (Downtown Bowling Green). When riding on sidewalks outside the Business District, you need to yield to pedestrians and give them an audible signal before overtaking and passing them.
  - Not ride recklessly. This includes: unsafe speed, weaving, low regard for pedestrians and drivers, lack of two-handed grip unless giving signals or lack of reasonable and ordinary control of the bicycle.
  - Have working brakes on the bicycle that can stop a bicycle moving at ten mph within fifteen feet.
  - Ride in the seat and should not carry a second person unless the bicycle provides a second firmly attached seat for that purpose.
  - Register with the Police Chief, his or her name and address, the name of the manufacturer of the bicycle or motorized bicycle, and its number, style, and general description. A parent or legal guardian can register for those under 18 years of age. If you are a student at BGSU, then the registration should take place through the Director of Campus Safety. A license tag and registration is provided by the Police Division for a small fee. The tag should be affixed to the bicycle and no numbers altered. If a bicycle is found without a license tag, it can be impounded by the Police.
  - Not carry items in such a way that one hand cannot be placed on the handlebar of the bicycle.
  - Not ride a bicycle while attached to a moving vehicle on a roadway.
  - Park their bikes in a rack provided for that purpose whenever it is available and there is space. You cannot leave your bicycle on the ground or pavement or propped up in such a way that others may trip over it and be injured.
  - Follow night riding rules: a white headlight on the front, a red reflector visible within 500 feet, a colorless reflector on the front, reflectors or reflective tire sidewalls on the sides of the bicycle which should be visible on each side of the wheel.
  - Ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practical and obey all traffic rules applicable to vehicles.
  - Ride single file and in no case can cyclists ride more than two abreast in a single lane unless on a path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. You are required to walk your bicycle on grassy areas or trails reserved for pedestrian use.
  - Not ride a bicycle during a snow emergency.

- Exceptions to the above:
  - Bicycles are an exception to the open parking regulations set forth by the City of Bowling Green. You may park a bicycle in a parking lot, on the sidewalks, and on public property if it is reasonable to do so and if you own a bicycle or you are a registered rider, if the bicycle is registered.

- Fines for violation of the rules:
  - $5.00 for first offense
  - $10.00 for second offense
  - $20.00 for third offense
  - $50.00 for fourth offense
  - $75.00 for fifth offense

- The Bicycle Safety Commission reserves the right to specify additional rules for the streets of Bowling Green.

- Violation of the rules may result in license revocation, vehicle impoundment, or other penalties as determined by the City of Bowling Green.

- For more information or to report a violation, please contact the Mayor’s Office at 419-354-6204.

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- Any person operating a bicycle should:
  - Not drive a bicycle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
  - Wear a safety helmet and ensure that it is properly fitted.
  - Use hand signals when turning or changing direction.
  - Keep a safe distance from other cyclists and drivers.
  - Obey all traffic signals and signs.
  - Use lights and reflectors when riding at night or in low visibility conditions.
  - Become a safe and responsible cyclist.

- The rules of the road are intended to ensure the safety of all cyclists and drivers on the roads of Bowling Green. By following these rules, you can help to create a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone.

- Thank you for cycling safely and responsibly in Bowling Green.

- Copy this brochure for distribution to other cyclists.

- This brochure is available in multiple languages.

- The Bicycle Safety Commission is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting safe cycling in Bowling Green.

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