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BICYCLE ORDINANCE No. 52

VILLAGE OF CAMDEN

An ordinance relative to the use of bicycles within the Village of Camden, to provide for the licensing thereof, to provide penalties for violations of the provisions hereof, and to repeal all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions hereof.

VILLAGE OF CAMDEN ORDAINS:

Section One

No person shall at any time ride or use a bicycle on the sidewalks of the Village of Camden, within the business limits thereof, which said limits for purposes of this ordinance are defined to be: That portion of Main Street between Wales and Maple Streets.

Section Two

No person shall ride or use a bicycle on the sidewalks of the Village of Camden outside the business limits of said Village as defined in Section One thereof, unless he or she is under the age of 15 years,, excepting persons who, because of physical infirmity or affliction, cannot ride such bicycle with reasonable safety in the street, and excepting newspaper carriers while actually engaged in the delivery of newspapers over their respective regular designated routes. The word "newspaper" as used herein is not to be construed as including handbills, pamphlets or other printed matter principally designed, intended or distributed for advertising purposes.

No person shall ride or use a bicycle on any street, alley or sidewalk of the Village of Camden, unless said bicycle, upon proper

application is licenses and registered in the manner hereinafter provided:

(a) Application for such license and registration shall be made to the Village Clerk by and in the name of the owner of such bicycle, provided, however, that if the owner thereof shall not have attained the age of 15 years, such application shall be made for and on behalf of such owner by and in the name of his or her father or other person who may legally bind himself or herself to pay the debts and obligations of another, and which said applicant shall be responsible for any and all claims for damages to person or property arising out of the negligent operation of such bicycle on the sidewalks of the Village of Camden, or the operation thereof on the sidewalks in violation of any of the provisions hereof.

(b) Every application shall be signed by the applicant and shall contain his name, age, address, the name of the manufacturer of the bicycle, its number, if any, style and general description, and if made for and on behalf of some person who shall not have attained the age of 15 years as hereinbefore provided, it shall so state, and in such case shall contain a provision in substantially the following form:

" I do hereby assume and agree to pay all claims and damages, either to person or property, arising out of the negligent use of said bicycle, or the use thereof in violation of the provisions of this ordinance, on the sidewalks of the Village of Camden."

(c) Upon acceptance of such application by the Village Clerk, accompanied by a fee of \$-50 cents, the Clerk shall issue a metal identification tag, upon which shall be stamped a distinguished number and which said plate shall be affixed to the bicycle at all

times in a manner so as to be plainly visible.

(d) Upon change of ownership, such license plate may be transferred to and issued in the name of the new owner upon application to the Village Clerk and the payment of a fee of \$0. 56 cents; Provided, however, that ~~if~~ the transferee shall not have attained the age of 15 years, such application for the transfer of said license plate shall be made in the manner and upon the conditions hereinbefore prescribed for the issuance of a license in the first instance to a person under the age of 15 years.

(e) Upon loss of any such plates and upon application and satisfactory evidence of such loss, a new plate shall be issued by the Village Clerk upon payment of a further fee of \$0. 50 cents. In case any such plate is mutilated or defaced ^{and} plate is presented to the Village Clerk, and upon payment of a fee of \$0. 50 cents, ^{a new plate will be issued.}

Section Three

All persons using or riding a bicycle within the Village of Camden shall comply at all times with the following provisions:

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person riding a bicycle on the sidewalk to attempt to pass another rider or person or persons going in the same direction on said walk, without giving an alarm by bell or gong, and until it becomes evident that the person or persons so warned are aware of the approach of the person riding said bicycle.

(b) Pedestrians shall at all times have the right of way upon the sidewalk of said Village and if necessary the person riding such bicycle shall dismount and vacate the sidewalk in order to prevent a collision, and any person riding a bicycle upon the sidewalk must have the bicycle under control at all times. No person shall ride a

bicycle upon any sidewalk at a rate of speed exceeding eight (8) miles per hour.

(c) No person riding a bicycle on a sidewalk shall cross any public street at any intersection without dismounting immediately before crossing said street.

(d) Every person riding a bicycle on the public streets or sidewalks of said Village shall at all times observe and obey all stop signs and all other traffic signals and regulations.

(e) No two or more persons riding bicycles in the same direction shall at any time ride said bicycles abreast, but shall proceed in single file, one following another, and when riding a bicycle in a public street at all times shall keep to the right side of said street as near as may be reasonable possible, and shall at no time enter upon or proceed along the center portion of said street, except for the purpose of passing other vehicles, obstructions or pedestrians.

(f) Not more than one person shall ride on a bicycle in any public street, alley or sidewalk at any time.

(g) Every bicycle during the period of one-half hour before sunset and one-half hour before sunrise shall be equipped with a lighted white lamp on the front thereof, visible at night under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of at least 300 feet in front of such bicycle, and such bicycle shall also be equipped with a reflex mirror or lamp on the rear thereof exhibiting a red light visible at night under like conditions from a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear of such bicycle.

(h) Every bicycle shall also be equipped with a bell or gong which

shall at all times be kept in good working order, and which, when sounded, can be readily heard at a distance of 100 feet ahead.

(1) No person shall park any bicycle on a sidewalk within the business section of the Village as hereinbefore defined.

Section Four

Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not more than \$50.00 and costs of prosecution or by imprisonment in the County Jail for not more than 30 days, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court. PROVIDED, however, that any person under the age of 15 years, violating any provisions of this ordinance, shall be warned on his or her first offence; his or her bicycle impounded for a period of 10 days on the second offence with notice of violation given to parent or guardian of such minor and upon a third violation a parent or guardian of such minor shall be punished as above provided.

Section Five

All prior ordinances and amendments thereto, relating to the use of bicycles on the streets and sidewalks of the Village of Camden and all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provision hereof are hereby repealed.

Section Six

This ordinance shall take effect 20 days from the date of its passage.

Passed

Approved

Sept. 11, 1951

Earl T. Clark

Village Clerk

Don Martin

President