

ORDINANCE NUMBER 48

CITY OF TOWER, MINNESOTA

An ordinance providing for licensing bicycles, regulating their use, and providing a penalty for violation thereof.

The City of Tower ordains:

Section 1. LICENSE REQUIRED. No person shall ride or propel a bicycle upon any street or other public highway in the city or upon any part thereof without first having secured and attached to such bicycle a proper license tag as provided hereinafter.

Section 2. PROCEDURE. Application for a license to own and operate a bicycle shall be made to the police department upon a form to be approved by the City Council. Upon receipt of such application in proper form the police department shall provide, at the expense of the owner, a proper tag which shall be attached to the frame of the bicycle in a substantial manner. The removal of any such tag, except by proper authority, shall be a violation of this ordinance.

Section 3. CONDITIONS OF LICENSE. Every license issued hereunder shall be deemed to be granted to the following conditions:

- A. No person shall ride or propel a bicycle on a street or other public highway of the city with another person on the handlebars or in any position in front of the operator.
- B. No bicycle shall be ridden faster than is reasonable and proper but every bicycle shall be operated with reasonable regard to the safety of the operator and other persons upon the sidewalks, streets, and other public highways of the City.
- C. Persons riding bicycles shall observe all traffic signs and stop at all stop signs.
- D. No bicycle shall be permitted on any sidewalk, street, or other public highway of the City between thirty minutes after sunset and thirty minutes before sunrise, without a headlight visible under normal atmospheric conditions from the front thereof for not less than 300 feet indicating the approach or presence of the bicycle and properly lighted, or without a yellow or red light or reflector attached to and visible from 200 feet from and rear thereof. The said headlight shall give a clear white light.
- E. No person shall ride or propel a bicycle upon any street or other public highway in the City abreast of more than one person riding or propelling a bicycle.
- F. Every person riding or propelling a bicycle upon any street or other public highway in the city shall observe all traffic rules and regulations applicable thereto and shall turn only at intersections, signal for all turns, ride at the right hand side of the sidewalk, street or highway, pass to the left when passing overtaken vehicles and individuals that are slower moving and shall pass vehicles to the right when meeting.

Section 4. DEFACING LICENSE NUMBER. TAKING BICYCLE WITHOUT PERMISSION. No person shall deface, mutilate, or remove a license tag placed upon any bicycle, nor shall any

person take any bicycle for the purpose of riding or propelling the same upon the street or other public highway without the consent of the owner.

Section 5. PENALTY. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed \$100.00 or by imprisonment for not to exceed 90 days; provided that in case of violation of any provision that in Section 3 the court may in lieu of or in addition to the penalty providing herein, suspend the license of any person granted hereunder for a period of not more than 30 days.

Section 6. Any ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby amended to conform with the provisions thereof.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval, and publication.

Introduced by Alderman Holm and given first reading June 14, 1949.

Given second reading June 20, 1949.

Moved by Alderman Desannoy, supported by Alderman Gornick that the ordinance be adopted.

Ayes: Aldermen Gornick, Holm, and Desannoy and Mayor Prescott.

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Jack Prescott, Mayor

Rose Stefanich, City Clerk