

ORDINANCE NO. 394

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the registration, licensing and regulation of bicycles and bicycle traffic in the City of Alexandria, Virginia and providing penalties for the violation of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The owner of every bicycle kept or regularly operated within the City of Alexandria, Virginia shall register the same with the Captain of Police and shall obtain from him a license tag for such vehicle, which tag shall be attached and sealed on the rear of the vehicle. The registration and tag shall cost twenty-five cents (25c) and shall be effective throughout the life of the vehicle, except that in the event of any transfer, the new owner shall obtain a transfer of license tag from the Captain of Police at a cost of ten cents (10c).

Section 2 (a) Within ten days after change of ownership or dismantling and removal from operation of any bicycle, the previous owner shall report the information to the Captain of Police.

(b) Every person engaged in the business of buying or selling new or second-hand bicycles shall report to the Captain of Police every bicycle purchased or sold by such person, as well as the name and address of the person from whom it is purchased or to whom it is sold, a description of the bicycle by name or make, the frame number thereof, and the number of the license tag, if any, found thereon.

Section 3. The Captain of Police shall have the authority to refuse to register, license or transfer tag on any bicycle which is not equipped with effective brakes, and an adequate tail reflector.

Section 4. Every person operating a bicycle shall be subject to the provisions of the traffic laws and regulations of this city applicable to drivers of motor vehicles, except those provisions which by their very nature are inapplicable to operators of bicycles; and every person riding a bicycle in this city shall in addition be subject to the provisions of the laws and regulations of the City especially applicable to them.

Section 5. No bicycle shall be operated except upon the same roadways and thoroughfares over which motor vehicles may be operated, and no bicycle shall be operated after dark without adequate headlights.

Section 6. No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number of persons for which it is designed and equipped.

Section 7. No person operating any bicycle shall attach himself or the bicycle to any other vehicle.

Section 8. Persons operating bicycles shall not ride more than two abreast except on thoroughfares, if any, set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

Section 9. No person shall park a bicycle in the City other than against a curb or in a sidewalk rack or against a building in such manner as to cause the least possible obstruction to traffic.

Section 10. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least one hundred (100) feet, except that no bicycle shall be equipped with any siren or whistle.

Section 11. The appropriate court, for any violation of the provisions of this ordinance, may punish the same by a fine of not less than two dollars (\$2.00) and not more than one hundred dollars (\$100), or may order the impounding of the bicycle involved by the Captain of Police for a period of from not less than five (5) and not more than (90) days, or both.

Section 12. This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its publication in the Alexandria Gazette.

Approved this 24th day of November, 1942.

WILLIAM T. WILKINS,
Mayor