

ORDINANCE # 91

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ENNIS RELATING TO OPERATION OF SKATEBOARDS AND BICYCLES ON MAIN STREET AND THE PROVISION FOR PENALTY OF VIOLATION OF SUCH.

10.15.010 Definitions: Skateboards shall mean a single platform mounted on wheels, which is propelled solely by human power and which has no mechanism or other device with which to steer or control the movement or direction of the platform.

10.15.020 Skateboarding Prohibited On Sidewalks: Skateboarding shall be prohibited on any sidewalk in any portion of the Town of Ennis specifically designated as a business district. Skateboarding shall be allowed on other sidewalks within the Town of Ennis.

10.15.030 Skateboard To Yield Right Of Way: Notwithstanding their status as pedestrians, skateboarders shall yield the right of way to all vehicular and to all other pedestrian (non-skateboard) traffic.

10.15.040 Rules of Skateboard Operation: Skateboard operators shall wear protective coverings for their hands, knees, elbows and heads when operating a skateboard and shall not operate a skateboard while barefoot. No more than one person shall ride on or operate a skateboard at one time.

10.15.050 Penalty: The violation of the provisions of this act shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$50.00.

10.15.060 Definition of Bicycle: Bicycle shall mean a vehicle having two wheels in a tandem arrangement, of which one or more wheels is sixteen (16) or more inches in diameter, which is propelled solely by human power.

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10.15.070 Traffic Laws Applicable: Every person riding a bicycle upon a street or roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of this state declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles, or by the traffic ordinances of this town applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations in this title, and except as to those provisions of law special regulations which by their nature can have no application.

10.15.080 Traffic Control Devices-Obedience Required:

A. Any person operating a bicycle shall obey the instructions of official traffic-control signals, signs and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

B. Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right or left or U turn is permitted, no person operating a bicycle shall disobey the direction of any such sign, except where such person dismounts from the bicycle to make any such turn, in which event such person shall obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians.

10.15.090 Operation Restrictions:

A. A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.

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

10.15.100 Riding On Streets, Roadways, and Bicycle Paths Restrictions:

A. Every person operating a bicycle upon a street or roadway shall ride as near to the right hand side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

B. Persons riding bicycles upon a street or roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

C. Whenever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a street or roadway, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the street or roadway.

10.15.110 Speed Limits: No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.

10.15.120 Yield Right-Of-Way Upon Crossing Sidewalk Or Entering Roadway: The operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on the sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the roadway.

10.15.130 Clinging To Vehicles Prohibited: No person riding upon any bicycle shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon a street or roadway.

10.15.140 Carrying Articles-Limitation: No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the rider from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars.

10.15.150 Riding On Sidewalks-Restrictions: No person shall ride a bicycle upon any sidewalk within the main business district.

10.15.160 Lights: Every bicycle, when in use at nighttime, shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least two hundred feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear of a type which shall be visible from all distances from fifty feet to three hundred feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of three hundred feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

10.15.170 Violation By Minor-Parents Responsible: It is a violation of this chapter for the parent(s) or guardian of any child under the age of 16 years to authorize or knowingly permit any such child or ward to violate any provision of this chapter.

10.15.180 Penalty Clause: The penalty for violation of any bicycle ordinance is set forth in 10.15.050.

PASSED BY THE ENNIS TOWN COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 14th DAY OF July, 1988.

R. Neil Brandon
R. NEIL BRANDON, MAYOR

ATTEST: Pamela M. Allison
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