

Chapter 10.68

BICYCLES

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10.68.010 License required.

It is unlawful for any person to operate or use a bicycle propelled wholly or in part by muscular power upon any of the streets, alleys or public highways of the city without first obtaining from the central license bureau a license therefor. (Prior code § 57-1)

**10.68.020 License issuance, renewal—
Operation upon streets authorized.**

A. The supervisor of licenses of the city is authorized and directed to issue, upon written application, bicycle licenses, which licenses shall be issued to be effective March 1, 1942, and shall be renewed on the first day of March annually thereafter. The license shall be replaced when lost, stolen or mutilated or when it becomes necessary to issue a new registration. Licenses when issued shall entitle the licensee to operate such bicycles, for which such licenses have been issued, upon the streets, alleys and public highways in the city, exclusive of the sidewalks thereof.

B. All persons twelve (12) years of age and younger are authorized and permitted to operate licensed bicycles on the sidewalks in the city. (Prior code § 57-2)

**10.68.030 Deputy inspectors authorized—
Powers, conditions of service.**

The license inspector is further authorized to deputize such inspectors who are employees of the board of education as in his or her judgment are necessary for the proper execution of the terms of this section. Such inspectors shall serve without compensation and shall be empowered to inspect bicycles, accept license fees and issue licenses in accordance with conditions of this section. (Prior code § 57-3)

**10.68.040 License plates, or license stickers,
registration required.**

The city shall provide a license plate or license sticker of suitable material, together with a registration card; the license plates or license stickers and registration cards shall bear numbers stamped thereon in numerical order. Such license plates or license stickers shall be suitable for attachment upon the rear mudguard of bicycles. It shall be the duty of the license inspector to issue a corresponding registration card to the licensee upon the payment of the license fee herein provided for. The license inspector shall also keep a record of the date of issue of each license and the number thereof. (Prior code § 57-4)

**10.68.050 Bicycle dealers—Reports,
information required.**

All persons in the city engaged in the business of buying secondhand bicycles are required to make a daily report to the central license bureau, giving the name and address of the person from whom each bicycle is purchased, the description of each bicycle purchased and frame number thereof, the size, and the number of the plate found thereon.

All persons engaged in the business of selling new or second-hand bicycles are required to make a daily report to the central license bureau, giving a list of all sales made by such dealers, which list shall include the name and address of each buyer, together with a description including frame number and the number of the license plate attached thereto, if any. (Prior code § 57-5)

**10.68.060 Transfer of ownership—Report
required.**

It is the duty of every person who sells or transfers ownership of any bicycle, to report such sale or transfer by returning to the central license bureau the registration card issued to such person as licensee thereof, together with the name and address of the person to whom the bicycle was sold or transferred, and such report shall be made within five days of the date of the sale or transfer. It shall be the

duty of the purchaser or transferee of such bicycle to apply for a transfer of registration thereof within five days of the sale or transfer. (Prior code § 57-6)

**10.68.070 Serial numbers protected—
Substitution of license plates
prohibited.**

It is unlawful for any person willfully or maliciously to remove, destroy, mutilate or alter the number of any bicycle frame license pursuant to this chapter. It also is unlawful for any person to remove, destroy, mutilate or alter any license plate, seal or registration card during the time in which such license, seal or registration card is operative, provided, however, that nothing in this ordinance shall prohibit the central license bureau from stamping numbers on the frames of bicycles on which no serial number can be found, or on which the number is illegible or insufficient for identification purposes. The substitution of plates not in conformity with the ordinance codified herein is prohibited. (Prior code § 57-7)

**10.68.080 Inspections, impounding authorized
—Recovery fee.**

The license inspector of the city may inspect any bicycle on any public highway or public place at any time to ascertain whether or not it has a registration tag properly displayed on it or whether the bicycle is in proper mechanical condition to be operated safely, and in the event a bicycle is being used or operated without the aforesaid tag or is in such condition as to be unfit for safe operation, the central license bureau may impound and confiscate the bicycle until such time as the person or persons owning it have procured the necessary registration tag or have rendered the bicycle safe for use, and have also paid one dollar (\$1.00) for the release of the bicycle. (Prior code § 57-8)

10.68.090 Fees for licenses and transfers.

The license fee to be paid for each bicycle shall be one dollar (\$1.00) and shall be paid upon receipt of the license. Such license may be transferred when the ownership of the bicycle is transferred, and a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) shall be paid for the registration of such transfer only when the license plate is so mutilated that it is necessary for a new license plate to be issued. The fees shall be turned over to the city treasurer of the city for general revenue purposes. (Prior code § 57-9)

10.68.100 Disposition of revenue.

All moneys collected under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid to the city treasurer of the city of Elizabeth. (Prior code § 57-10)

**10.68.110 Rules and regulations for operation
authorized.**

The central license bureau is further authorized to make such rules and regulations for the operation of bicycles on the public streets in the city as in its judgment will be conducive to the safety and protection of both pedestrian and vehicular traffic; provided, however, that the rules and regulations do not conflict with any existing statutes of the state of New Jersey. (Prior code § 57-11)

10.68.120 Bicycle equipment requirements.

A. Every bicycle, when in use at nighttime, shall be equipped with a l.a.m.p on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet to the front, and with a lamp on the rear which shall emit a red light visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet to the rear. In addition to the red lamp, a red or white reflector of any type shall be mounted on the rear mudguard or on the seat mount and on the front and rear of each pedal, all of which shall be visible from all distances from fifty (50) feet to three hundred (300) feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beam's of head lamps on a motor vehicle, as defined in Title 39 of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated.

B. No person shall operate a bicycle unless it is 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 a bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.

C. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement. (Prior code § 57-12)