

**ORDINANCE NO. 15 - 22**

By: Sam Marcellino

**An ordinance to amend Sections 474.07 Safe Riding Regulations for Bicycles; Section 474.08 Parking; Locks; Section 474.12 Operation of Minibikes, Scooters, Etc. on Sidewalks, Park and School Grounds; and Section 474.13 Bicycle License Required.**

**Whereas,** The City's bicycle code has several provisions which are not in keeping with current best practices;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY:**

**Section 1**

That 474.07 Safe Riding Regulations for Bicycles, is hereby amended as follows:

**474.07 SAFE RIDING REGULATIONS FOR BICYCLES.**

~~(a) Whenever a designated usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a street, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the street.~~

(b) Whenever a person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk or street or in a public park, such person shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before attempting to overtake and pass a pedestrian or another bicycle. This audible signal must be given only by bell or other warning device capable of giving an audible signal and shall be given at such a distance and in such a manner as not to startle the person being overtaken and passed.

(c) **Whenever a person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk**, no person shall ride a bicycle across or through any intersection involving a through street. Such intersections are to be crossed by walking the bicycle across or through the intersection.

(d) Whenever a person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, the person, before overtaking and passing a blind person carrying a white or metallic cane, shall dismount and overtake or pass on foot.

(e) When a bicycle is operated on the street, the operator shall give hand signals before turning, changing lanes or stopping. Such signals shall conform with Section 432.14.

(f) Every rider of a bicycle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian or any vehicle upon any roadway, sidewalk or bicycle path, or endangering the life, limb or property of any person while in the lawful use of the streets, sidewalks or any other private or public property.

(g) No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions then existing.

(h) The operator of a bicycle emerging from or turning into an alley, driveway or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alley, driveway or building, yield the right of way to all pedestrians approaching on such

sidewalk area. Upon entering the street, such operator shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on such street.

- (i) No person shall engage in ~~trick riding or operate a bicycle without both hands upon the handle grips except when necessary to give the hand signals required herein~~ dangerous behavior while operating a bicycle which threatens the safety of themselves or surrounding pedestrians or other vehicle operators.

Penalty - see Sections  
408.01,  
408.02 and  
474.10

## **Section 2.**

That 474.08 Parking; Locks, is hereby amended as follows:

### **474.08 PARKING; LOCKS.**

- (a) No person shall park a bicycle upon a sidewalk in such a manner as to interfere with pedestrian traffic, **or otherwise impede accessibility in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Americans with Disabilities Act**, or damage the property of another.
- (b) No person shall park a bicycle upon a roadway in such a manner as to interfere with vehicular traffic.
- ~~(c) No bicycle shall remain unlocked when parked upon any public way or place.~~

## **Section 3.**

That 474.12 Operation of Minibikes, Scooters, Etc. on Sidewalks, Park and School Grounds, is hereby amended as follows:

### **474.12 OPERATION OF MINIBIKES, SCOOTERS, ETC. ON SIDEWALKS, PARK AND SCHOOL GROUNDS.**

No person shall ride a minibike, motor scooter, motor-assisted bicycle or moped on any sidewalk or in any public park in the City, or in or upon any school ground in the City, except as permitted by regulation adopted by the school authority in charge of such ground. **This section shall not be construed to apply to Electric Bicycles (ref. 474.18).**

## **Section 4.**

That 474.13 Bicycle License Required, is hereby removed and rescinded:

~~474.13 BICYCLE LICENSE REQUIRED.~~

~~No person who resides within the City shall ride or propel a bicycle on any street or sidewalk, or on public property, unless such bicycle has been licensed and a City license plate decal attached thereto. New residents shall have a grace period of thirty days.~~

**Section 5.**

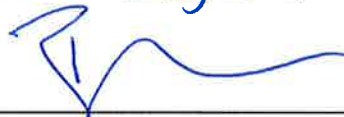
That this ordinance shall go into effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

Passed: May 10, 2022

Attest:   
Matt McPeek, Clerk of Council

  
Troy Markham, President of Council

Approved: May 10, 2022

  
Mayor Ben Kessler

First Reading: April 12, 2022  
Second Reading: April 26, 2022  
Third Reading: May 10, 2022

