

## CHAPTER 490. BICYCLES\*

### ARTICLE I. GENERALLY\*

~~**490.10. Registration required.** (a) No person shall ride, use or leave a bicycle upon any public street, alley, highway, sidewalk or other public property in the city unless the same was registered on March 1, 1977, as required in this article or pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 160C [168C].~~

~~(b) — The registration device shall be securely attached to the bicycle in a conspicuous location.~~

~~**490.20. Exceptions.** Bicycles owned by nonresidents of the State of Minnesota and operated in Minneapolis for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days or less are exempt from registration. Registration provisions do not apply to bicycle manufacturers or bicycle dealers transporting bicycles in the normal course of business.~~

**490.40. Frame number required.** No person shall purchase or sell any bicycle or bicycle frame which has no frame number plainly set forth thereon.

**490.50. Tampering with frame number or registration.** No person shall willfully or maliciously remove, destroy, mutilate or alter the number of any bicycle frame licensed pursuant to this article or state law. No person shall remove, destroy, mutilate or alter any license plate, seal or registration card during the time in which such license plate, seal or registration card is operative. The director of licenses and consumer services may, however, stamp numbers on the frames of bicycles on which no serial number can be found, or on which said number is illegible or insufficient for identification purposes.

**490.55. Tampering with a bicycle.** No person, other than the owner or the owner's authorized agent, except for protection of the bicycle, shall tamper with any bicycle which has been locked or placed in a rack or otherwise secured.

**490.60. Impounding authorized.** (a) Any bicycle found unattended in any street, alley, highway, sidewalk or other public property ~~without a license identification tag, or with a mutilated frame number or license identification tag,~~ or any bicycle improperly attached, may be immediately removed and impounded by any officer or duly authorized employee of the department under procedures promulgated by the department. The bicycle may be surrendered upon proof of ownership.

(b) Prior to impoundment, and where no emergency conditions exist or where traffic is not unduly impeded, a warning shall be issued and placed upon any bicycle found improperly attached, stating that should the bicycle not be removed within twenty-four (24) hours, then impoundment shall occur.

**490.70. Sale of impounded bicycles.** Any bicycle lawfully coming into the possession of the city and remaining unclaimed by the owner for a period of at least thirty (30) days may be sold to the highest bidder at public auction or sale following reasonable published notice.

## **ARTICLE II. OPERATION**

**490.130. State bicycle laws apply.** The operation of a bicycle upon any public street, alley, highway, sidewalk, or other public property in the city shall be governed by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.222 and this chapter.

**490.140. Riding on sidewalk.** No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district or upon any sidewalk where prohibited by appropriate signage.

**490.150. Attachment of objects prohibited; exception for bicycles.** No person shall secure, attach or connect in any manner any motorized vehicle, boat, or any trailer or trailer-like vehicle or device or any motorized or non-motorized bicycle to any tree, parking meter post, street light post, traffic signal post or post sign; except as follows:

Motorized and non-motorized bicycles shall be permitted to be parked upon a sidewalk and to be temporarily attached to sign posts and bicycle racks. When parked or attached as permitted, motorized and non-motorized bicycles shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of pedestrian or other traffic.

**490.160. Bicycle events.** No person shall conduct a bicycle event, parade, contest or race without having first secured a permit from the office of the mayor. Approval for such permit shall be granted only under conditions which assure reasonable safety for all participants, spectators and other highway users, and which prevent unreasonable interference with traffic flow which would seriously inconvenience other highway users.

## **ARTICLE III. BICYCLE RACKS**

**490.250. Permit required.** No person, firm or corporation shall install or maintain a bicycle rack on any public street or sidewalk without first obtaining a permit from the city

**490.260. Application for permit.** Application shall be made to the city clerk and shall contain such information as may be required by the city clerk. The applicant shall agree in making application for a permit, to remove the bicycle rack upon request by the city council at no cost to the city. The applicant shall attach to the application a fully detailed sketch or plan showing the dimensions of the bicycle rack, the adjoining street and sidewalk, all posts and fixtures in the adjoining

sidewalk, and all structures, fixtures or buildings on abutting land. The city engineer shall review the application and plan, and shall make recommendation for approval or denial to the city council.

**490.270. Insurance.** The applicant shall furnish and file with the city clerk a certificate of insurance showing the existence of public liability insurance at least in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) for injury to one person, three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) for one occurrence, and fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for property damage in which the City of Minneapolis is named as an additional named insured. There shall be attached to said certificate or policy, and made a part thereof, an endorsement which shall be in the form currently approved by the city attorney.

**490.280. Parking of bicycles.** Bicycle racks for parking of bicycles shall at city expense be placed on the Mall at such locations as are designated by the traffic engineer, recommended by the Mall advisory board, and approved by the city council.