

CHAPTER 10

MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

ARTICLE VIII. REGISTRATION AND REGULATION OF BICYCLES

Sec. 10-800. REGISTRATION PROVIDED.

The City of Montpelier, through the Police Department, shall provide a bicycle registration program and appropriate sticker.

Sec. 10-801. ATTACHMENT OF STICKER.

Such sticker may be firmly attached to the frame of the bicycle in such position as to be plainly visible from the rear.

Sec. 10-802. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION.

The Chief of Police, or such member of his department as he may appoint, is hereby designated as the person to whom all applications for registration are to be made.

Sec. 10-803. SERIAL NUMBER REQUIRED.

No bicycle shall be registered unless it shall have permanently cut, impressed or embossed on some portion thereof, a factory serial or identification number or mark. Any person who shall knowingly have, in his possession any bicycle from which such number or mark shall have been removed, defaced, obliterated or changed, shall forthwith file with the Chief of Police a sworn statement describing such bicycle, showing the source of his title, and if known, the reason for such removal, defacement, obliteration or change. If satisfied as to facts, the Chief of Police may grant permission to cut, impress or emboss permanently onto the bicycle a special identification number or mark which shall thereafter be deemed sufficient for the purpose of registration of such bicycle.

Sec. 10-804. REMOVAL OF SERIAL NUMBER.

It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, deface, change or cause to be removed, obliterated, defaced or changed, any factory serial or other identification number or mark on or from any bicycle.

Sec. 10-805. TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION.

Whenever the ownership of a registered bicycle is transferred, the Police Department shall be notified of the transfer, and the new owner of such bicycle shall register the same.

Sec. 10-806. REGISTRATION FEE.

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Sec. 10-807. BICYCLE OPERATION ON SIDEWALKS.

It shall be unlawful to operate bicycles on the sidewalk in the Central Business District as defined by zoning regulations. It shall be lawful in all other districts subject to Section 10-810.

Sec. 10-808. BICYCLES TO YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS.

When and/or where sidewalks are shared by bicyclists and pedestrians, bicyclists must give right-of-way to pedestrians.

Sec. 10-809. OPERATION WHEN REGISTRATION SUSPENDED OR REVOKED.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle while the registration thereof is revoked or suspended.

Sec. 10-810. OBSERVANCE OF TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

It shall be unlawful to violate any of the traffic ordinances and regulations of the City of Montpelier, or State of Vermont. A copy of Vermont laws on bicycles shall be given to each applicant for registration.

Sec. 10-811. CHIEF SHALL COOPERATE IN BICYCLE TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM.

The Chief of Police shall cooperate with the School Department in conducting a program of education in the traffic regulations and bicycle safety for operators. The Chief of Police may suspend or revoke any registration for just cause. The Chief of Police may make further rules and regulations in regard to bicycles as he may deem necessary for the safety of the public.

Sec's. 10-812. to 10-899. Reserved.

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