

CHAPTER 14

BICYCLES

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Sec. 14-1-1. Purpose. The purpose of this bicycle ordinance is to ensure the safety and welfare of bicyclists and the public at large relative to the ownership and operation of bicycles.

Sec. 14-1-2. Bicycle Licenses. The Cape Elizabeth Police Department shall as a public service provide a system of bicycle licensing in order to assist in the recovery of bicycles separated from their owner. A copy of this ordinance shall be given to each bicycle licensee and shall be distributed during any bicycle safety programs sponsored by the Cape Elizabeth Police Department.

Sec. 14-1-3. Bicycle Operation.

A. All operators of a bicycle shall:

1. Operate their bicycle as far as is practicable to the right side of the road except when making left turns.
2. Limit ridership on their bike only to the number of persons for which their bike is designed.
3. Not ride other than astride a regular or permanent seat.
4. Not operate a bicycle abreast or beside any part of another bicycle upon any public way except while passing another bicycle.
5. Be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to drivers of motor vehicles, except as to special regulations and to provisions in State Statutes which by their nature can have no application.
6. Not attach themselves to a moving vehicle.
7. Obey the instructions of official traffic control signals, signs and other control devices applicable to vehicles.
8. Stay within lined paved shoulders when at least three feet of pavement is available within a lined paved shoulder.
9. Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and to oncoming motor vehicles.

10. Not exceed a posted motor vehicle speed limit.

B. All bicycles operated on a public way shall:

1. When used at nighttime, be equipped with a lighted lamp on the front.
2. Have reflectors or reflective tape clearly visible from the rear.
3. Be equipped with a functional brake.

Sec. 14-1-4. Penalties. Any person violating any provision of Sec. 14-1-3 by improperly operating a bicycle, or by operating an improper bicycle, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine up to the amount of \$50.00, to be recovered for the use of the Town by action brought in the District Court or in another court of competent jurisdiction.