

Chapter 84

BICYCLES

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Port Carbon 4-20-1970 by Ord. No. 208. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Vehicles and traffic — See Ch. 226.

§ 84-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

BICYCLE — A two-wheeled vehicle operated by human power, excluding motor scooters and other power-driven motor vehicles for which licenses are required by the Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

§ 84-2. Registration and tag required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle upon any street, alley or other public place within the Borough of Port Carbon unless the same shall have first been properly registered and have affixed thereto a tag or license.

§ 84-3. Registration procedure; fee. [Amended 4-8-2008 by Ord. No. 1-2008]

Every owner of any bicycle within the Borough shall, within 10 days of the purchase of said bicycle and annually during the month of May of every year, file with the Chief of Police of the Borough of Port Carbon a description of such bicycle upon a form to be provided for that purpose. The execution and filing of such form, the payment of a registration fee as set from time to time by resolution of Borough Council and the successful passing of the inspection hereinafter provided for shall constitute a registration of such bicycle. The registrations shall be serially numbered and be filed by the Chief of Police and shall constitute a public record.

§ 84-4. Affixing of tag.

Upon the registration of a bicycle in accordance with this chapter, the Chief of Police shall affix a tag or license, serially numbered, so as to correspond with the registration of such bicycle. Said tag shall thereafter remain affixed to such bicycle until the tag or license for the succeeding year shall be affixed.

§ 84-5. Renewal of registration.

The registration of all registered bicycles must be renewed annually during the month of May of each year, and upon the renewal of said registration, the Chief of Police shall affix a new tag or license upon each bicycle at the time of the renewal of the registration.

§ 84-6. Refusal of registration pending repairs.

The Chief of Police shall inspect each bicycle presented to him for registration, and if he finds said bicycle to be in an unsafe mechanical condition, he shall have the authority to refuse a registration until the necessary repairs thereto have been made.

§ 84-7. Cancellation of registration.

The Chief of Police shall have the authority to cancel the registration and remove the identification tag from any bicycle which is operated upon any street, alley or public place in the Borough in an unsafe manner or in violation of any state law or ordinance, and such cancellation of registration and removal of tag shall be in addition to any other penalties herein provided.

§ 84-8. Registration not assignable.

No registrations or tags or licenses issued hereunder are assignable. Within 10 days after any bicycle shall have changed ownership or been dismantled, such information shall be reported to the Chief of Police by the former owner, and the new owner must register said bicycle and receive a new tag or license therefor.

§ 84-9. Unlawful operation.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle upon any street, alley or other public place within the Borough of Port Carbon during any period that his operating privileges have been suspended in accordance with § 84-12 hereof.

§ 84-10. Observance of traffic ordinances.

It shall be unlawful for any persons to operate a bicycle on any street or public alley in the Borough of Port Carbon in violation of any traffic ordinances of the Borough applicable to motor vehicles.

§ 84-11. Violations and penalties. [Amended 4-8-2008 by Ord. No. 1-2008]

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be punishable as set forth in Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article I, General Penalty, of this Code.

§ 84-12. Suspension of operating privilege.

The Chief of Police shall suspend the bicycle operating privileges of any person convicted of a violation of this chapter, the suspension to be for a period of 10 days for a first offense in any calendar year and a period of 20 days for each subsequent offense in such calendar year. Written notice of the effective dates of the suspension shall be sent to the offender, and if a minor, also to his parents or other person having actual custody of him, by certified mail. The Chief of Police shall, within his discretion, have the right to impound the bicycle of any person having second or subsequent offenses for the period of such suspension.