

## Chapter 180

### BICYCLES AND PLAY VEHICLES

**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Spring Green 2-13-2002 (§§ 9.06 and 16.22 of the Village Code). Amendments noted where applicable.]**

#### GENERAL REFERENCES

Vehicles and traffic — See Ch. 375.

#### § 180-1. Bicycles.

- A. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any resident to operate a bicycle upon any street within the Village of Spring Green unless said bicycle shall first have been properly registered and tagged as hereafter provided.
- B. Every owner or operator of any bicycle within the Village of Spring Green shall, within 10 days of the effective date hereof, file with the Village police a complete description of such bicycle upon a blank form to be provided for the purpose, which filing of description shall constitute a registration of such bicycle for the purpose of this section. Such registration shall be serially numbered and be kept on file by the Village police as a record.
- C. Immediately upon the registration of a bicycle, the Village Police Department shall issue an identification tag serially numbered to correspond with the registration of said bicycle. Such tag shall be, by the owner of such bicycle, affixed to the rear fender or back of the seat of such bicycle and shall hereafter remain affixed unless removed by a police officer of the Village for cause or for replacement with another tag upon reregistration. A charge as set by the Village Board shall be made for the registration and identification tag of such vehicle pursuant to this section for a period of two years.<sup>1</sup>
- D. Before any bicycle can be registered under the provisions of this section, the same must be presented by the owner to the Police Department to be examined as to its mechanical condition. If the bicycle is found to be in safe mechanical condition, the registration shall be issued. If the bicycle is found to be unsafe, registration shall be refused.<sup>2</sup>
- F. The Chief of Police or other police officers shall have the authority to cancel the registration of and remove the identification tag from any bicycle being operated upon any of the streets of the Village of Spring Green in an unsafe manner and in violation of any state law or local ordinance, and such cancellation of registration and removal of tag shall be in addition to other penalties provided hereunder. The Chief of Police or other police officers shall have the further authority to impound the bicycle of any person violating any provisions of this section. Said bicycle shall be impounded no longer than 14 days and shall

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be released only upon the owner's compliance with this section.

- G. Within 10 days after any bicycle registered hereunder shall have changed ownership or be dismantled and taken out of operation, such information shall be reported to the Village police by the person in whose name the bicycle has been registered.
- H. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any bicycle upon a street carelessly or needlessly in disregard of the rights and safety of others and without due caution or at speeds so as to endanger the property, life or limbs of any person or without due regard to traffic, surface and width of the street and any other condition of whatever nature then existing.
- I. It shall be unlawful for any person to attach any other vehicle to a bicycle or operate the same in connection therewith upon the streets; to have more than one person riding on a bicycle at one time unless the bicycle has two regulation bicycle seats and handlebars; to do any trick riding while operating a bicycle upon any street; or to operate said bicycle after dark without at least one white light in front and a red taillight or reflector in the rear. Approved regulation infant and child carriers are accepted. All bicycles shall be equipped in accordance with the requirements of § 347.489, Wis. Stats.<sup>3</sup>
- J. Every person operating a bicycle shall operate on rules and regulations of the traffic ordinances of the Village of Spring Green<sup>4</sup> which are applicable to the operator of any vehicle, except those provisions which are in reference to the equipment of vehicles and except those provisions which by their very nature would have no application.
- K. The term "trick riding" as used in this section shall be construed to mean operation without manual control of the handlebars, weaving, jumping and any other method which necessitates the element of unusual and extraordinary skill and involves unnecessary risk voluntarily undertaken.
- L. Any resident who shall operate any bicycle not properly registered or carrying a proper identification tag as required herein upon any street in the Village of Spring Green or who shall operate such bicycle in an unsafe manner or in violation of any state law, this section or any other local ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to the fine or penalty provided in Subsection F of this section.
- M. The riding of any bicycle on any sidewalk in the Village of Spring Green is prohibited, with the exceptions as listed: children up to and including the age of nine years and newspaper carriers while making deliveries or collections. No bicycle shall be ridden at any time on the sidewalks in the business district of the Village of Spring Green. For the purposes of this subsection, "business district" is defined as follows: Jefferson Street from Albany Street to Cincinnati Street; Washington Street from Daley Street to Madison Street; Lexington Street from Daley Street to Madison Street; Worcester Street from Daley Street to Madison Street; and Albany Street from Daley Street to Madison Street.<sup>5</sup>

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4. Editor's Note: See Ch. 375, Vehicles and Traffic.

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**§ 180-2. Skates and skateboards.**

A. Definitions. In this section the following words have the designated meaning:

NEGLIGENCE — A failure to exercise ordinary care.

SKATE — A frame of metal or other material fitted to the sole of a shoe to which is attached a runner or set of wheels for gliding over a surface other than ice.

SKATEBOARD — A board made of any material to which is attached a set of runners or wheels and upon which a person stands in order to propel such board with either foot for gliding over a surface while standing on the board.

B. Prohibition. In a public or private place, no person may endanger the safety of any person, including himself or herself, by the negligent use, riding or propelling of skates or a skateboard.

C. Penalty. Any person violating this section shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$20 nor more than \$300 plus costs.<sup>6</sup>

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