

## Chapter 430

### BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS AND ROLLER SKATES

**§ 430.01. Definitions. [Ord. No. 458, passed 2-25-1991; Ord. No. 535, passed 7-8-1996]**

The following words, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless otherwise clearly apparent from the context:

- (a) BICYCLE — Shall mean any wheeled vehicle propelled by means of chain driven gears using footpower, electrical power or gasoline motor power, except that vehicles defined as "motorcycles" or "mopeds" under the Motor Vehicle Code for the State of Michigan shall not be considered as bicycles under this chapter. This definition shall include, but not be limited to, single-wheeled vehicles, also known as unicycles; two-wheeled vehicles, also known as bicycles; three-wheeled vehicles, also known as tricycles; and any of the above-listed vehicles which may have training wheels or other wheels to assist in the balancing of the vehicle.
- (b) SKATEBOARD — Shall include any surfboard-like object with wheels attached. "Skateboard" shall also include, under its definition, vehicles commonly referred to as "scooters," being surfboard-like objects with wheels attached and a handle coming up from the forward end of the surfboard area.
- (c) ROLLER SKATES — Shall include any shoelike device with wheels attached, including, but not limited to, roller skates, in-line roller skates and roller blades.

**§ 430.02. Operation upon certain public ways prohibited; sails and towing prohibited. [Ord. No. 458, passed 2-25-1991; Ord. No. 677, passed 12-8-2003]**

- (a) No person shall ride or in any manner use a skateboard, roller skate or roller skates upon the following public ways:
  - (1) U.S. 12, also known as Chicago Street, between Clay Street and Marshall/Division Street, also known as Old U.S. 27;
  - (2) Clay Street between Pearl Street and Harrison Street;
  - (3) Hanchett Street between Pearl Street and Harrison Street;
  - (4) Monroe Street between Pearl Street and Grand Street;
  - (5) Grand Street between Taylor Street and Marshall Street;
  - (6) Marshall Street between Chicago Street and Grand Street;
  - (7) Any City-owned/leased or maintained parking lot; and

- (8) The sidewalks running along the public ways set forth in paragraphs (a)(1) through (6) hereof.
- (b) No person shall ride a bicycle or in any manner use a bicycle, except that a person may walk his or her bicycle, upon the following public ways:
- (1) The sidewalks running along U.S. 12, also known as Chicago Street, between Clay Street and Marshall/Division Street, also known as Old U.S. 27.
  - (2) Within 20 feet of the back of any building located along Chicago Street, between Clay Street and Marshall/Division Street.
- (c) No person shall ride on or in any manner use a skateboard, roller skate or roller skates or bicycle with a sail.
- (d) No person shall ride on or in any manner use a skateboard, roller skate or roller skates or bicycle which is being towed by any vehicle or animal.

**§ 430.025. Roller skating permitted in certain areas; prohibited vehicles; rollerblading. [Ord. No. 535, passed 7-8-1996; Ord. No. 583, passed 12-14-1998]**

The use of roller skates shall be permitted in the City limits under the following conditions:

- (a) Skating shall be permitted on residential streets within the City where there is a speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less.
- (b) No person shall skate within the City between sunset and sunrise.
- (c) Persons who are skating shall skate in a prudent manner and shall not interfere with the normal traffic flow of vehicles or pedestrians upon the streets or sidewalks of the City.
- (d) No person shall use a skateboard, coaster, toy vehicle or other wheeled vehicle, other than a motor vehicle, motorcycle or bicycle, on any City street.
- (e) Every person rollerblading upon the public streets, alleys or sidewalks of the City, where permitted by this chapter, shall at all times observe and obey all stop lights, stop signs and other traffic signals and regulations, and shall be governed by the laws of the State and the ordinances of the City relating to the operation of vehicles on the public streets, alleys and sidewalks, so far as such laws apply to vehicles other than motor vehicles.

For purposes of this subsection, vehicles, other than motor vehicles, shall include persons rollerblading.

**§ 430.03. Registration of bicycles required. [Ord. No. 458, passed 2-25-1991]**

- (a) Every owner of a bicycle within the City shall list and register with the Police Department his or her name and address, the name and manufacturer of the bicycle, or its number, style and general description.
- (b) He or she shall pay a registration fee of 0.50\$ upon the registration of a bicycle, and no further license shall be required for the same bicycle.
- (c) Upon such registration and payment of a registration fee, a suitable metallic identification tag, upon which shall be stamped a distinguishing number, shall be furnished to the owner of each bicycle when registered.
- (d) The owner shall affix and keep affixed such metallic tag to the bicycle for which the tag is issued, and shall at all reasonable times, upon the demand of any member of the Police Department, exhibit the same for the purpose of identification and as proof of ownership.
- (e) Upon change of ownership, such identification tag may be transferred to the new owner, and the license also may be transferred to him or her upon payment of a fee of \$0.50. No tag shall be transferred from one bicycle to another, and no person shall attach to any bicycle a tag not issued for use thereon.
- (f) Upon the loss of any identification tag, a duplicate thereof shall be issued by the Police Department upon satisfactory evidence of such loss and upon payment of a fee of \$0.25.

**§ 430.04. Passing on sidewalks. [Ord. No. 458, passed 2-25-1991]**

It shall be unlawful for any person riding a bicycle on the sidewalks, where permitted, to attempt to pass another rider or person going in the same direction on said sidewalk without giving warning notice and until it becomes evident that the person so warned is aware of the approach of the rider.

**§ 430.05. Right-of-way of pedestrians; control; speed limit. [Ord. No. 458, passed 2-25-1991]**

Pedestrians shall at all times have the right of way upon the sidewalks of Coldwater and, if necessary, the riders of bicycles shall dismount and vacate the sidewalk in order to prevent a collision. Such riders must have the bicycle under control at all times. No person shall ride a bicycle upon any sidewalk at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour.

**§ 430.06. Obedience to traffic signals and regulations. [Ord. No. 458, passed 2-25-1991]**

Every person riding a bicycle upon the public streets, alleys or sidewalks of the City, where permitted, shall at all times observe and obey all stop lights, stop signs and all other traffic signals and regulations, and shall be governed by the laws of Michigan relating to the operation on the public streets, alleys and sidewalks of vehicles so far as such laws apply to vehicles other than motor vehicles.

**§ 430.07. Passengers on bicycles; child seats. [Ord. No. 458, passed 2-25-1991]**

A bicycle shall not be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped. Equipment may include a properly installed child seat or carrier.

**§ 430.08. Riding abreast. [Ord. No. 458, passed 2-25-1991]**

Persons riding bicycles shall not ride more than two abreast, except on a path or part of a roadway set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

**§ 430.09. Lamps and reflectors on bicycles. [Ord. No. 458, passed 2-25-1991]**

- (a) A bicycle, when in use at nighttime, shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front, and with a red reflector on the rear which shall be visible from all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.
- (b) A bicycle, when in use at nighttime, shall be equipped with reflex reflectors located on the front and rear services of the pedals. The pedal reflectors shall be visible from the front and rear of the bicycle during the nighttime from a distance of 200 feet when directly exposed to the lower beam headlamps of a motor vehicle.
- (c) A bicycle, when in use at nighttime, shall be equipped with reflective sidewalls or wide angle prismatic spoke reflectors. Reflective sidewalls or spoke reflectors shall cause a vehicle to be visible from all distances from 100 to 600 feet when viewed under lawful low beam motor vehicle headlamps under normal atmospheric conditions.

**§ 430.10. Parking regulations in downtown business section. [Ord. No. 458, passed 2-25-1991]**

No person shall park any bicycle on the sidewalks on any street in the downtown business section of the City unless the bicycle is parked in bicycle racks which have been placed in an area designated by the City for the

parking of bicycles. For the purposes of this section, the downtown business section of the City shall be defined as West Chicago Street, beginning at the intersection of Marshall/Division Streets and proceeding west to the intersection with Clay Street.

**§ 430.11. Conflicts with UTC.**

In the event of a conflict between any provision of this chapter and a provision of the Uniform Traffic Code, as adopted in Section 410.01, the provision of this chapter shall prevail.

**§ 430.12. Issuance of civil infraction citations and notices. [Ord. No. 500, passed 12-12-1994]**

The Director of Police and Fire Services or his or her designated representative is hereby designated as the authorized City official to issue Municipal civil infraction citations (directing alleged violators to appear in court) or Municipal civil infraction violation notices (directing alleged violators to appear at the City of Coldwater Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau) as provided in Chapter 211 of the Administration Code.

**§ 430.99. Penalty. [Ord. No. 500, passed 12-12-1994]**

A person who violates any provision of this chapter is responsible for a Municipal civil infraction and shall be subject to the payment of a civil fine of not less than \$5, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction. A second offense, within a period of 90 days, shall be subject to a civil fine of not less than \$10, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction. Third and subsequent offenses, within 90 days, shall be subject to a civil fine of \$20, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction.