

**VILLAGE OF MELROSE
BICYCLES - CHAPTER 14**

14.01 PURPOSE: This chapter is created for the purpose of regulating the operation of bicycles within the Village of Melrose.

14.10 RULES OF OPERATION:

1. **CONSENT REQUIRED:** No person shall operate a bicycle in the Village of Melrose without the owner's consent.

2. **COMPLIANCE WITH RULES:** Every person operating, propelling or riding a bicycle within the Village of Melrose shall comply with the following rules of operation:
 - a) **Laws; Compliance:** Every person propelling or riding a bicycle upon a public roadway shall be subject to the provisions of all ordinances and state laws applicable to the operator of any vehicle, except those provisions with reference to equipment of vehicle and except those provisions which by their nature would have no application.

 - b) **Lights Required:** Every bicycle being operated on public streets or highways in the Village of Melrose between one-half hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise, must be equipped with a clear headlamp visible for at least 300 feet in front of the bicycle and a clean clear red light or reflector visible for at least 200 feet to the rear.

 - c) **Siren Prohibited:** Any type of siren on a bicycle is unlawful.

 - d) **Use on Grounds Prohibited:** No person over ten years (10) of age shall ride a bicycle on any public sidewalk, school playground or public park in the Village of Melrose, except roadways. This restriction shall not apply when riders are taking part in a sponsored festivity or parade, nor to newsboys while actively engaged in delivering newspapers.

 - e) **Use on Sidewalks Prohibited:** No person regardless of age or occupation shall ride or park a bicycle on any sidewalk in the downtown area of the Village of Melrose, Wisconsin.

 - f) **Brakes Required:** Every bicycle must have an adequate brake maintained in good working condition.

 - g) **To Keep Right:** Bicycles, when operating on a highway shall be kept as close to the right-hand curb as possible.

 - h) **Single File:** Bicycles must always be operated in single file.

 - i) **Use; Limited:** No more than one person shall ride a bicycle at one time, except on special bicycles built for two or more people, with two or more seats and

handlebars.

- j) Towing Prohibited: It is unlawful to cling to or be towed by another vehicle or bicycle while riding on a public street or highway.
- k) Pulling Prohibited: No bicycles shall tow anything behind such as a sled, another bicycle, trailer, or person on skates.
- l) Racing Prohibited: No person, while riding a bicycle, shall participate in a race, speed or endurance contest while on a public street.
- m) Control: Trick riding and riding a bicycle without both hands on the handlebars or both feet on the pedals is unlawful.
- n) Traffic Laws: Compliance. Bicycle riders must obey all traffic laws when riding on public streets and highways in the Village of Melrose, such as:
 - 1) Giving hand signals for left turns, right turns, and stopping.
 - 2) Stopping for arterials.
 - 3) Giving pedestrians on crosswalks the right of way.
 - 4) Being in the proper lane when making turns.
 - 5) Staying in your lane and not weaving in and out.
 - 6) Riding at safe speeds for conditions.
 - 7) Slowing down for turns to avoid skids.

14.20 ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES/PENALTIES/RECORDS:

- 1. RECORDS: The Village Clerk shall keep all necessary records, files and documents to facilitate enforcement of this chapter.
- 2. PROCEDURE.
 - a) Issuance of Ticket. Any violator of this chapter ordinance accused by the Village Marshal or any other police officer shall be informed on his violation by the officer, who will fill out a special “Bicycle Violation” ticket including:
 - 1) Name of alleged violator
 - 2) Address
 - 3) License number
 - 4) Parents name and address and phone number
 - 5) Violation
 - 6) The officer will record his explanation on the reverse side of the ticket proper and any remarks he may have and turn in the ticket to the Village

Clerk. The Village Clerk shall cause written notice of the alleged offense and the date and time for hearing to be mailed to the parent or guardian of every first offender.

- 7) The stub of the ticket shall be given to the alleged violator stating the violations complained of and the date and time to report.
- b) Appearance: The accused violator will be required to report to the Village Hall. The accused violator must present his stub at the time of appearance.
 - c) Hearing: Each accused violator appearing at the Village Hall will be given an opportunity to talk over and discuss his violation with the Village Marshal or an officer appointed by the Village Marshal to preside at each session. After discussion or hearing with the Village Marshal or his designate, the following penalty or penalties may be imposed by the presiding officer:
 - 1) First Offense:
 - Warning.
 - Reprimand.
 - Suspended sentence.
 - Preparation of a composition 200 to 1,000 words on safety.
 - Impound bicycle 1 week.
 - Take riding test to prove riding ability.
 - 2) Second Offense:
 - Impound bike 1 to 2 weeks and/or any one of the above.
 - 3) Third Offense:
 - Impound bike 2 to 4 weeks and/or any one of the above. The parent or guardian of the violator shall accompany the violator at such discussion or hearing.
 - 4) Fourth Offense:
 - Formal charge to be tried in Juvenile Court.
 - Any violations of so-called sentences or penalties necessitate charging offender with an additional offense.
 - d) Recording. Violation ticket shall be filled out by the presiding officer as to the sentence imposed and same shall be filed with offender's registration card.

14.25 EXCEPTIONS: The term "bicycle" as used herein shall not include what is normally known as a tricycle operated by children under six (6) years of age, nor shall it include the twenty inch (20") bicycle when used with two training wheels, provided that neither said tricycles nor bicycles with training wheels shall be operated upon the city streets or public ways at any time, nor shall tricycles or twenty inch (20") bicycles be ridden or parked on the sidewalk in the downtown area.