169.222 OPERATION OF BICYCLE.

Subdivision 1. **Traffic laws apply.** Every person operating a bicycle shall have all of the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle by this chapter, except in respect to those provisions in this chapter relating expressly to bicycles and in respect to those provisions of this chapter which by their nature cannot reasonably be applied to bicycles.

Subd. 2. **Manner and number riding.** No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped, except (1) on a baby seat attached to the bicycle, provided that the baby seat is equipped with a harness to hold the child securely in the seat and that protection is provided against the child's feet hitting the spokes of the wheel or (2) in a seat attached to the bicycle operator.

Subd. 3. **Clinging to vehicle.** Persons riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, toboggan, sled, skateboard, or toy vehicle shall not attach the same or themselves to any street car or vehicle upon a roadway.

Subd. 4. **Riding on roadway or shoulder.** (a) Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway except under any of the following situations:

(1) when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction;

(2) when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway;

(3) when reasonably necessary to avoid conditions, including fixed or moving objects, vehicles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or narrow width lanes, that make it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or edge.

(b) If a bicycle is traveling on a shoulder of a roadway, the bicycle shall travel in the same direction as adjacent vehicular traffic.

(c) Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway or shoulder shall not ride more than two abreast and shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic and, on a laned roadway, shall ride within a single lane.

(d) A person operating a bicycle upon a sidewalk, or across a roadway or shoulder on a crosswalk, shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal when necessary before overtaking and passing any pedestrian. No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district unless permitted by local authorities. Local authorities may prohibit the operation of bicycles on any sidewalk or crosswalk under their jurisdiction.

(e) An individual operating a bicycle or other vehicle on a bikeway shall leave a safe distance when overtaking a bicycle or individual proceeding in the same direction on the bikeway, and shall maintain clearance until safely past the overtaken bicycle or individual.

(f) A person lawfully operating a bicycle on a sidewalk, or across a roadway or shoulder on a crosswalk, shall have all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances.

Subd. 5. **Carrying articles.** No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the handle bars or from properly operating the brakes of the bicycle.

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Subd. 6. **Bicycle equipment.** (a) No person shall operate a bicycle at nighttime unless the bicycle or its operator is equipped with a lamp which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and with a red reflector of a type approved by the Department of Public Safety which is 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. No person may operate a bicycle at any time when there is not sufficient light to render persons and vehicles on the highway clearly discernible at a distance of 500 feet ahead unless the bicycle or its operator is equipped with reflective surfaces that shall be visible during the hours of darkness from 600 feet when viewed in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. The reflective surfaces shall include reflective materials on each side of each pedal to indicate their presence from the front or the rear and with a minimum of 20 square inches of reflective material on each side of the bicycle or its operator. Any bicycle equipped with side reflectors as required by regulations for new bicycles prescribed by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission shall be considered to meet the requirements for side reflectorization contained in this subdivision. A bicycle may be equipped with a rear lamp that emits a red flashing signal.

(b) No person shall operate a bicycle unless it is equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

(c) No person shall operate upon a highway any bicycle equipped with handlebars so raised that the operator must elevate the hands above the level of the shoulders in order to grasp the normal steering grip area.

(d) No person shall operate upon a highway any bicycle which is of such a size as to prevent the operator from stopping the bicycle, supporting it with at least one foot on the highway surface and restarting in a safe manner.

Subd. 7. **Sale with reflectors and other equipment.** No person shall sell or offer for sale any new bicycle unless it is equipped with reflectors and other equipment as required by subdivision 6, clauses (a) and (b) and by the regulations for new bicycles prescribed by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Subd. 8. **Turning, lane change.** An arm signal to turn right or left shall be given continuously during the last 100 feet traveled by the bicycle before turning, unless the arm is needed to control the bicycle, and shall be given while the bicycle is stopped waiting to turn.

Subd. 9. **Bicycle parking.** (a) A person may park a bicycle on a sidewalk unless prohibited or restricted by local authorities. A bicycle parked on a sidewalk shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of pedestrian or other traffic.

(b) A bicycle may be parked on a roadway at any location where parking is allowed if it is parked in such a manner that it does not obstruct the movement of a legally parked motor vehicle.

Subd. 10. **Bicycle events.** (a) Bicycle events, parades, contests, or racing on a highway shall not be unlawful when approved by state or local authorities having jurisdiction over that highway. Approval shall be granted only under conditions which assure reasonable safety for all participants, spectators and other highway users, and which prevent unreasonable interference with traffic flow which would seriously inconvenience other highway users.

(b) By agreement with the approving authority, participants in an approved bicycle highway event may be exempted from compliance with any traffic laws otherwise applicable thereto, provided that traffic control is adequate to assure the safety of all highway users.

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Subd. 11. **Peace officer operating bicycle.** The provisions of this section governing operation of bicycles do not apply to bicycles operated by peace officers while performing their duties.

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Section 635 - Central Business District Regulations

Section 635:00. Definitions.

For purposes of this section, Central Business District will be defined as follows:

Commencing at the east right-of-way of 5th Avenue North and the south right-of-way of the Burlington Northern Railroad (BNRR); thence westerly along the south right-of-way line of the BNRR to the east right-of-way line of 6th Avenue North; thence north along the east right-of-way line of 6th Avenue North to the south right-of-way line of 3rd Street North; thence west along the south right-of-way line of 3rd Street North to the west right-of-way line of 7th Avenue North; thence south along the west right-of-way line of 7th Avenue North to the north right-of-way line of 2nd Street North; thence west along the north right-of-way line of 2nd Street North to the east right-of-way line of 9th Avenue North; thence south along the east right-of-way line of 9th Avenue North to the south right-of-way line of 2nd Street North; thence westerly along the south right-of-way line of 2nd Street North to the east right-of-way of 12th Avenue North; thence southerly along the east right-of-way of 12th Avenue North to the north right-of-way of T.H. 23-52; thence easterly along the north right-of-way line of T.H. 23-52 to the east right-of-way of 4th Avenue South; thence northerly along the east right-of-way line of 4th Avenue South to the south right-of-way of St. Germain Street; thence northerly and westerly along the easterly and northerly right-of-way line of 4th Avenue North to the east right-of-way of 5th Avenue North; thence northerly along the east right-of-way line of 5th Avenue North to the south right-of-way of the BNRR and there terminating.

Section 635:05. Traffic Uses.

Except as otherwise provided, the sidewalk (as defined in Section 600:00 of this code) and landscaping (as defined by the St. Cloud Zoning Ordinance Article III, Section 2) of the Central Business District is at all times limited to pedestrians. Police bicycles, while being used for official police business, may be ridden or parked on the sidewalk of the Central Business District. Bicycles may be walked on the sidewalk and landscaping areas of the Central Business District.

Section 635:30. Uses in the Central Business District.

Subd. 1. The City Engineer may allow the placement of the following public or private facilities and uses in the Central Business District: bike racks, seating, telephones, post office kiosks, transit stops and shelters, plantings, ornaments, display of merchandise, protection from the elements, furniture, sculpture, pedestrian and vehicular traffic control devices, trees, flowers, shrubs, lighting or heating facilities, fountains, trash receptacles, signs, exhibit art, walls, barriers, or other fixtures, and equipment, facilities and appurtenances as will in the City's judgment enhance the free movement, safety, convenience and enjoyment of pedestrians and benefit the adjoining properties and the central business district and the City. Said facility or use may not impede or block the free movement or use of right-of-way by other people in the Central Business District, hinder the city the ability to maintain public

improvements, or otherwise create a nuisance as defined by the city code.

Subd. 2. Requests for permits or licenses for activities and business uses in the Central Business District will be submitted in writing to Engineering Department who will grant or deny the request and will advise the City Council of its decision. Engineering office will obtain a recommendation of the planning and health inspections office prior to issuance of ~~if~~ the permit. A recommendation from the city's heritage preservation commission is required for permits within the downtown historic district. The city engineer may place conditions on said permit to ensure compliance with Subd.1 of this section. The City Council will have the right of review and the right to reverse any action taken by the City Engineer by a majority vote.

Section 635:35. Nuisances and Penalties.

Subd. 1. The prohibitions set forth in the subdivisions which follow are declared to be nuisances affecting the peace and safety of users of the Central Business District and violations will constitute a petty misdemeanor.

Subd. 2. To impede or block the free movement of other persons in the Central Business District.

Subd. 3. To ride a bicycle on the sidewalk ~~and~~ or landscaping areas of the Central Business District or to lock or chain a bicycle to any object other than a bike rack.

Subd. 4. To drive a snowmobile on the sidewalk ~~and~~ or landscaping areas or in the Central Business District at any time.

Subd. 5. To ride or propel roller-skates, in-line skates or skateboards anywhere on the sidewalk or landscaping areas in the Central Business District.

Section 635:40. Limitations and Applicable Regulations. Nothing in this ordinance will be interpreted or construed to be a vacation, in whole or in part, of any City street, or part of any street. The City of St. Cloud and the City Council retain all police powers and other rights and powers in the Central Business District. All uses and activities in the Central Business District are subject to applicable ordinances and police regulations of the City of St. Cloud. The City Council, through the Downtown Public Facilities Commission, may in its discretion grant or deny the application and limit the duration of all permits and licenses, designate the hours and days to which they will apply, and specify such reasonable conditions and requirements in connection therewith as it will deem necessary or desirable and as will be in conformity with the City Charter, and City ordinances generally applicable.

Section 635:50. Public Protection: Effective Date. This ordinance is necessary to protect the public welfare and the interests of the public in the safe and effective movement of persons and to preserve and enhance the function and appearance of that part of the central business district located in the Central Business District.