

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE TRAFFIC CODE UPDATE

MASTER RECOMMENDATION REPORT: 9.20, 9.38

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Code Section (i.e.9.14.050)	Current Code language	Proposed Code Language	Reason for Change	Committee Status (approved, denied, no action)
9.20.040	<p>Crossing at point other than crosswalk:</p> <p>A. Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.</p> <p>B. No pedestrian may cross a street or thoroughfare at or within 150 feet of where access to a pedestrian tunnel or overhead walkway has been provided for crossing the street or thoroughfare, unless a marked crosswalk is also provided.</p> <p>C. Between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation pedestrians may not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.</p>	<p>Crossing at point other than crosswalk:</p> <p>A. Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.</p> <p>B. No pedestrian may cross a street or thoroughfare at or within 150 feet of where access to a pedestrian tunnel, (or) overhead walkway, or signalized intersection has been provided for crossing the street or thoroughfare, unless a marked crosswalk is also provided.</p> <p>C. Between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation pedestrians may not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.</p>	Added clarification.	Approved.

9.20.110	<p>Obedience to school crossing guards: No person may fail or refuse to comply with a lawful order or signal of a school crossing guard in reference to the movement of vehicles in areas where crosswalks exist.</p>	<p>Obedience to school crossing guards: No person may fail or refuse to comply with a lawful (order or) signal of (a) an authorized school crossing guard in reference to the movement of vehicles in areas where crosswalks exist.</p>	<p>Added clarification. "Order" implies voice and/or hand signals, which are not allowed.</p>	<p>Approved.</p>
9.38 (GENERAL)	<p>"propelling"</p>	<p>Change to "operating" in all instances in 9.38.</p>	<p>Clearer definition.</p>	<p>Approved.</p>
9.38.020	<p>Applicability of traffic laws to riders: A. Every person riding a bicycle shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this title, except as to special regulations in this chapter, and except as to those provisions of this title which by their nature can have no application. B. A person shall not propel a bicycle so as to suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and move into the path of a vehicle that is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard. C. A person propelling a vehicle by human power upon and along a sidewalk, trail or pathway, or across a roadway or driveway intersecting a sidewalk, trail or pathway, shall have all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances.</p>	<p>Applicability of traffic laws to riders: A. Every person riding a bicycle shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this title, except as to special regulations in this chapter, and except as to those provisions of this title which by their nature can have no application. B. A person shall not propel a bicycle so as to suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and move into the path of a vehicle that is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard. C. A person propelling a vehicle by human power upon and along a sidewalk, trail or pathway, (or across) except when crossing a roadway or driveway intersecting a sidewalk, trail or pathway, shall have all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances.</p>	<p>Needed to prevent conflict with 9.38.060(C) above, and for the same reasons. If a person dismounts the bicycle prior to crossing they are back in pedestrian status.</p>	<p>Approved.</p>

<p>9.38.060</p>	<p>Riders to use right edge of roadway; riding abreast. A. Every person propelling a bicycle upon a roadway or upon a trail or pathway shall ride as near to the right edge of the roadway or trail or pathway as practicable, exercising due care when avoiding hazards and passing or meeting other vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians or users of the roadway or trail, except in the following situations: 1. When overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction; 2. When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway;</p>	<p>Riders to use right edge of roadway; riding abreast(.); yield before entering or crossing a street. A. Every person propelling a bicycle upon a roadway or upon a trail or pathway shall ride as near to the right edge of the roadway or trail or pathway as practicable, exercising due care when avoiding hazards and passing or meeting other vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians or users of the roadway or trail, except in the following situations when it is unreasonable to do so: 1. When overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction; 2. When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway;</p>	<p>1) Major cause of accidents involving bikes. 2) Pedestrian duties and rights based on speed of pedestrians, not bicycles moving at 20-30mph and often hidden by brush, signs, large vehicles, etc. 3) Suspect the reason for repeal was requirement to stop at ALL crossings, so proposal only comes into play when vehicles are present. Bolded changes presented by the Bicycle Commuters of Anchorage. Pending approval.</p>	<p>Approved. Bolded changed pending approval.</p>
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<p>9.38.060 continued.</p>	<p>3. When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions including, but not limited to, fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or a road too narrow, which make it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or edge;</p> <p>4. When approaching a place where a right turn is authorized; or</p> <p>5. When it is necessary for a cyclist to fully occupy one traffic lane while waiting to cross an intersection in order to increase the cyclist's visibility to drivers of other vehicles.</p> <p>B. Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway may not ride more than two abreast, except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles or in the case of a licensed or permitted bicycling event.</p>	<p>3. When reasonably necessary to avoid unsafe or impracticable conditions including, but not limited to, fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or (a road too narrow,) when the travel lane is too narrow to provide for the bicycle and an overtaking vehicle to travel side by side with a safe distance between the two, or where it is otherwise (which make it) unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or edge;</p> <p>4. When approaching a place where a right turn is authorized; or</p> <p>5. When it is necessary for a cyclist to fully occupy one traffic lane while waiting to cross an intersection in order to increase the cyclist's visibility to drivers of other vehicles.</p> <p>B. Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway may not ride more than two abreast, except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles or in the case of a licensed or permitted bicycling event.</p>	<p>See above.</p>	<p>See above.</p>
<p>9.38.060 continued.</p>	<p>No current code exists.</p>	<p>C. Persons operating a bicycle upon a sidewalk, recreational trail or bike trail must yield the right-of-way to traffic before crossing a roadway, street, or driveway.</p>	<p>See above.</p>	<p>Approved.</p>

9.38.070	<p>Riding on sidewalk; giving audible warning:</p> <p>A. No person may ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district.</p> <p>B. The municipal traffic engineer is authorized to erect signs on any sidewalk or roadway prohibiting the riding of bicycles thereon by any person, and when such signs are in place no person may disobey such signs.</p> <p>C. Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, trail or pathway, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal by voice or by bell before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.</p>	<p>Riding on sidewalk; giving audible warning:</p> <p>A. No person may ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within (a) the central business district.</p> <p>B. The municipal traffic engineer is authorized to erect signs on any sidewalk or roadway prohibiting the riding of bicycles thereon by any person, and when such signs are in place no person may disobey such signs.</p> <p>C. Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, trail or pathway, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal by voice or by bell before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.</p>		
9.38.100	<p>Lamps and other equipment.</p> <p>C. Bell. No person may operate a bicycle unless it is equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least 100 feet, except that a bicycle may not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.</p>	<p>Lamps and other equipment.</p> <p>C. (Bell) Audible Warning Device. No person may operate a bicycle unless it is equipped with (a bell or other) an audible warning device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least 100 feet, except that a bicycle may not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.</p>	Clarified to include other devices.	Approved.