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ORDINANCE NO. 12281

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE,
PART II, CHAPTER 24, SECTIONS 24-474, 24-476, 24-477, 24-
482 AND ADD SECTION 24-483 RELATIVE TO BICYCLES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA,
TENNESSEE, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 24, Section 24-474, be and
the same is hereby amended by deleting said section in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof
the following:

Sec. 24-474. Riders to ride on permanent seats.

A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or
astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto, except for a
certified police cyclist who is performing duties that require riding
in a side dismounting position.

SECTION 2. That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 24, Section 24-476, be and
the same is hereby amended by deleting said section in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof
the following:

Sec. 24-476. Duty to keep to right, exercise care.

Any person operating a bicycle upon a roadway at less than the
normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the
conditions then existing shall ride as close as practicable to the
right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except under any of the
following situations:

- (a) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in
the same direction;
- (b) When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a
private road or driveway; or

- (c) When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions including, but not limited to, fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or substandard width lanes that make it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or edge. For purposes of this section, "substandard width lane" means a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle and another vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane.

This Section does not apply to a certified police cyclist engaged in the lawful performance of duty relating to traffic control.

SECTION 3. That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 24, Section 24-477, be and the same is hereby amended by deleting said section in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 24-477. Riding Abreast.

Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two (2) abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. Persons riding two (2) abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic and, on a laned roadway, shall ride within a single lane. This Section does not apply to a certified police cyclist engaged in the lawful performance of duty relating to traffic control or in pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law.

SECTION 4. That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 24, Section 24-482, be and the same is hereby amended by deleting said section in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 24-482. Brakes.

Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake or brakes which will enable its driver to stop the bicycle within twenty-five (25) feet from a speed of ten (10) miles per hour on dry, level, clean pavement.

SECTION 5. That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 24, be amended by adding the following new Section 24-483 as follows:

Sec. 24-483. Overtaking and Passing Bicycles.

The operator of a motor vehicle, when overtaking and passing a bicycle proceeding in the same direction on the roadway, shall leave a safe distance between the motor vehicle and the bicycle of not less than three (3) feet and shall maintain the clearance until safely past the overtaken bicycle.

State law reference - Similar provisions, T.C.A., § 55-8-175(c).

SECTION 6. That this Ordinance shall take effect two (2) weeks from and after its passage.

PASSED on Second and Final Reading

September 1, 2009.

W. Jack Benson
CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED: DISAPPROVED:

DATE: 9/8, 2009.

[Signature]
MAYOR

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