Sec. 4-1. Definition.

For the purposes of this chapter, “bicycle” means a vehicle propelled by human power, operated by a person usually seated on a seat and driven on the ground on wheels by the operator.

(Code 1966, § 4-12-1.1; Ord. No. 10-08/09, 2/18/09 [Fiscal Note: Less than $1000])

Sec. 4-2. Applicability of chapter.

The regulations contained in this chapter relative to the operation of a bicycle shall apply whenever a bicycle is operated upon any city street or upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, subject to those exceptions stated herein.

(Code 1966, § 4-12-1.2; Ord. No. 10-08/09, 2/18/09 [Fiscal Note: Less than $1000])

Sec. 4-3. Applicability to traffic laws, ordinances.

Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of this state declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles or by the traffic ordinances of this city applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations in this chapter and except to those provisions of laws and ordinances which by their nature can have no applicability.

(Code 1966, § 4-12-1; Ord. No. 10-08/09, 2/18/09 [Fiscal Note: Less than $1000])

Sec. 4-4. Bicycle Registry.

(a) No person shall be required to register a bicycle in the city. A person wishing to register a bicycle to permit the Police Department to track or locate the bicycle if it becomes lost or stolen may do so through the National Bike Registry. Information on the National Bike Registry is available at the Police Department and on the city’s website.

(b) A person regularly engaged in the business of selling bicycles in the city should inform each purchaser, in writing, how to voluntarily register the purchaser’s bicycle with the National Bike Registry.

(Code 1966, § 4-12-10; Ord. No. 10-08/09, 2/18/09 [Fiscal Note: Less than $1000])

Sec. 4-5. Emerging from alley, driveway, curb.

The operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway or curb shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on such sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on such roadway.

(Code 1966, § 4-12-11; Ord. No. 10-08/09, 2/18/09 [Fiscal Note: Less than $1000])
Sec. 4-6. Carrying articles.

No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the rider from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars. (Code 1966, § 4-12-2; Ord. No. 10-08/09, 2/18/09 [Fiscal Note: Less than $1000])

Sec. 4-7. Riding on sidewalks.

No person over the age of fifteen (15) years shall ride or propel a bicycle on any sidewalk or within any sidewalk area except at a permanent or temporary driveway anywhere within the city. (Code 1966, § 4-12-3; Ord. No. 10-08/09, 2/18/09 [Fiscal Note: Less than $1000])

Sec. 4-8. License fee.

No person shall park a bicycle upon a street other than upon the roadway against the curb or upon the sidewalk in a rack to support the bicycle or against a building or at the curb, in such manner as to afford the least obstruction of pedestrian traffic. (Code 1966, § 4-12-3; Ord. No. 10-08/09, 2/18/09 [Fiscal Note: Less than $1000])

Sec. 4-9. Compliance with State law.

Nothing herein relieves a person from compliance with any applicable State laws regulating bicycles, including, without limitation, 29-A M.R.S.A. §§ 2063, 2071, 2084 and 2323, as may be amended. (Code 1966, § 4-12-6; Ord. No. 10-08/09, 2/18/09 [Fiscal Note: Less than $1000])