

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF BICYCLES UPON THE CAMPUS OF
MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING THEREOF,

The following ordinance is hereby enacted by the State Board of Agriculture.

SECTION I

Definitions

(a) The term "bicycle" as used in this ordinance shall mean and include any 2-wheeled device having wheels sixteen (16) inches or greater in diameter which is propelled by human power. The term "bicycle" as used in this ordinance shall not be deemed to include vehicles propelled by a motor or engine of any kind.

(b) The term "campus" as used in this ordinance shall be construed to include all property, wheresoever situated, owned or held by the State Board of Agriculture in its capacity as the governing board of Michigan State College.

SECTION II

Registration of Bicycles and
Issuance of Permits for the
Operation Thereof.

(a) No bicycle shall be operated in or upon the campus unless and until the owner or owners thereof shall have registered said bicycle and procured a permit for the operation thereof as hereinafter provided.

(b) Before it shall be lawful to operate a bicycle in and upon the campus the owner or owners thereof shall first make application to the Chief of the Michigan State College police for a permit to operate said bicycle in and upon the campus. Such application shall be made upon a form to be designed and provided by the Chief of the Michigan State College police, provided however, that said application form shall provide for the names and addresses of the owner or owners of said bicycle and for a description of the bicycle either by way of designating the manufacturer of said bicycle by name or by a description of the physical characteristics of said bicycle. Said application, upon being duly made and filed with the Chief of the Michigan State College police, shall constitute a registration of said bicycle.

(c) Upon receiving an application for permission to operate a bicycle, the Chief of Michigan State College police shall determine whether or not said bicycle is suitably equipped with lighting equipment, brakes and signal equipment according to the standards hereinafter provided, and upon determining that said minimum standards of equipment are met, the Chief of police shall thereupon grant permission to the registered owner or owners of said bicycle for the operation thereof in and upon the campus.

(d) The permission to operate a bicycle in and upon the campus shall be evidenced by a permit tag to be designed by the Chief of Police. Such permit tag is to be made of metal or other durable composition and shall be issued by the Chief of Michigan State College police after his acceptance for filing of the application for a permit. Each owner or owners of a bicycle shall, upon receiving a permit tag from the Chief of police, cause the same to be affixed in a conspicuous place on the bicycle covered by said permit, provided however, that the Chief of the Michigan State College police may, in his discretion, designate the particular place on each bicycle where the permit tag shall be displayed by the owner or owners thereof. Such permit tags shall be displayed on each bicycle at all times when the same are being operated in and upon the campus.

(e) Upon the sale or other transfer of a licensed bicycle by the owner or owners thereof, said owner or owners shall remove the permit tag and shall surrender the same to the Chief of Michigan State College police, provided, however, that said owner or owners, together with the transferee or vendee of said bicycle, may apply to the Chief of Michigan State College police for the transfer of the registration of said bicycle and the permit to operate same to the vendee or transferee, and upon such application the Chief of Michigan State College police shall then cause the registration of said bicycle and the permit to operate the same to be placed in the name of the vendee or transferee.

(f) Application for a permit to operate a bicycle shall be made prior to October 1st of each year and at a time and place to be designated by the Chief of Michigan State College police. The permit tag issued upon such application shall be effective from October 1st of the year in which the same is issued until October 1st of the year next following; provided however, that permit tags issued by the Chief of Michigan State College police, in pursuance of applications for permission to operate a bicycle made prior to October 1st, 1949, shall be effective until October 1st, 1949.

(g) The procedure for applying for a permit to operate a bicycle on the campus as hereinbefore set forth shall not be given immediate effect, but shall be delayed until such time as may be necessary and proper for the Chief of Michigan State College police to devise the necessary facilities for the execution of the provisions of this section; provided however, that the effective date of this section shall not be later than October 1st, 1949. Procedures hereinbefore referred to shall be placed into effect by the Chief of police only after giving reasonable notice thereof, which notice shall specify the time and place when the initial applications hereinbefore provided for shall be made.

SECTION III

Required Equipment for Bicycles

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle on the campus unless the same shall be equipped as hereinafter set forth.

(b) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a lighted white lamp on the front thereof, visible under normal atmospheric conditions, from a distance of at least 300 feet in front of such bicycle, and shall also be equipped with a reflex mirror reflector or lamp on the rear, exhibiting a red light visible under like conditions from a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear of such bicycle. The lighting equipment hereinbefore described shall be activated by the operator of such bicycle whenever the same is being driven in and upon the campus during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.

(c) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a suitable brake adequate to control the movement of and to stop said bicycle within a reasonable distance on a dry, smooth, hard surfaced road.

(d) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least 100 feet, except that no bicycle shall be equipped with any siren or whistle.

(e) It shall be the duty of the Chief of Michigan State College police and his subordinate police officers to inspect every bicycle prior to his issuing a permit for the operation thereof, to determine if said bicycle is provided with the equipment hereinbefore provided. No permit shall be issued if it is determined that said bicycle is deficiently equipped.

(f) Any permit for the operation of a bicycle which may have been issued shall be suspended in the event that it is determined by the Chief of the Michigan State College police or his subordinate officers that said bicycle is not equipped in the manner hereinbefore set forth, and such permit shall be suspended until such time as the holder or holders thereof shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Chief of Michigan State College police that the deficiencies in said equipment have been rectified.

SECTION IV

Regulations for the Operation of Bicycles.

(a) No persons operating bicycles on the campus shall ride more than two abreast.

(b) No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed faster than what is reasonable and proper with regard to the safety of the operator and others.

(c) No person operating a bicycle shall attach himself to any other moving vehicle nor shall he cause the bicycle to be attached to any other moving vehicle.

(d) Every person operating a bicycle shall accord the right-of-way to pedestrians crossing roads and streets on the campus at all intersections and cross-walks.

(e) The operator of a bicycle shall at no time remove both feet from the pedals thereof nor both hands from the handlebars or steering apparatus of said bicycle, nor shall any operator drive said bicycle in a careless or reckless manner or practice any acrobatic riding while said bicycle is being operated on the campus.

(f) No operator of a bicycle shall cause the same to be driven upon or across any side-walk or foot path situated on the campus or upon the campus grounds, provided, however, that the operator of any bicycle may dismount from such bicycle and proceed upon such side-walks and foot paths on foot, pushing said bicycle while so proceeding on foot.

(g) Every person operating a bicycle on a roadway on the campus shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle by the laws of the State of Michigan except insofar as the provisions of this ordinance for the operation of such bicycle shall conflict or modify said general laws or where the provisions of said general laws by their nature can have no application to the operation of bicycles.

(h) Any person operating a bicycle upon a roadway on the campus shall obey the instructions of all official traffic control signals, signs and other control devices applicable to motor vehicles unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

SECTION V

Bicycle Parking Regulations

(a) The Chief of the Michigan State College police shall as soon as may be practicable, lay out and establish upon the campus certain areas to be utilized as parking lots or areas for bicycles. The Chief of Michigan State College police, pursuant to the authority hereby vested in him, shall establish a sufficient number of bicycle parking lots to adequately accommodate the number of bicycles duly registered and licensed under the provisions of this ordinance, and said bicycle parking

lots and areas shall be established at diverse appropriate places on the campus. In the establishing of said bicycle parking lots and areas, the Chief of the Michigan State College police shall consult and advise with the President of Michigan State College and the landscape architect of Michigan State College. Upon the establishment of the bicycle parking lots and areas herein provided for, the Chief of Michigan State College police shall cause the same to be designated as bicycle parking lots and areas by appropriate signs or placards.

(b) Upon the establishment and designation of bicycle parking lots and areas as herein provided for, it shall be unlawful for any operator of a bicycle to cause the same to be parked in any place upon the campus outside of said bicycle parking lots and areas. In the event that bicycle parking racks are available in said parking lots and areas, the operator of a bicycle shall park such bicycle in the racks which may be provided. In the event that there are no racks provided or that the number of said racks is insufficient to accommodate him, the operator of a bicycle shall, park his bicycle in an upright position within the confines of said parking lots or areas.

SECTION VI

Supervision and Enforcement under Ordinance.

(a) The President of Michigan State College is vested with general supervisory authority for the purpose of overseeing the enforcement of the various provisions of this ordinance. The Chief of the Michigan State College police and his subordinate police officers are hereby vested with the general authority of sheriffs relative to the arrest and custody of such persons as may be offenders against the rules and regulations prescribed herein, and the Chief of Michigan State College police and his subordinate officers are hereby vested with authority to apprehend and arrest such offenders without warrant. It shall be the duty of the Chief of Michigan State College police, or his subordinate officers to make complaint against offenders of any provision of this ordinance before any Justice of the Peace of the township, city or county wherein the offense against the provisions of this ordinance shall occur.

SECTION VII

Penalties

(a) Any person refusing or neglecting to conform with the regulations and provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, may be fine not more than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars or imprisoned in the county jail in the county where the offense is committed for not less than ten (10) days or more than sixty (60) days, or both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

(b) The penalties provided in the foregoing paragraph shall also be applicable to any of the owner or owners of a bicycle who knowingly permit any person to operate said bicycle contrary to the provisions of this ordinance.

(c) In addition to the penalties hereinbefore provided in this section, the permission to operate a bicycle may be revoked by the Chief of Michigan State College police as to the owner or owners of a bicycle which is operated on the campus contrary to the provisions of this ordinance, notwithstanding the fact that said bicycle at the time of the violation of the provisions of this ordinance may be operated by a person other than the registered owner or owners of said bicycle.

SECTION VIII

Intended Scope of Ordinance

(a) This ordinance is intended to apply in its entirety to all persons operating bicycles in and upon the campus of Michigan State College, whether such persons be members of the student body or faculty of Michigan State College, or members of the general public.

Adopted by the State Board of Agriculture on the 10th day of February, 1949.

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John A. Hannah, President

ATTEST:

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Karl H. McDonel, Secretary