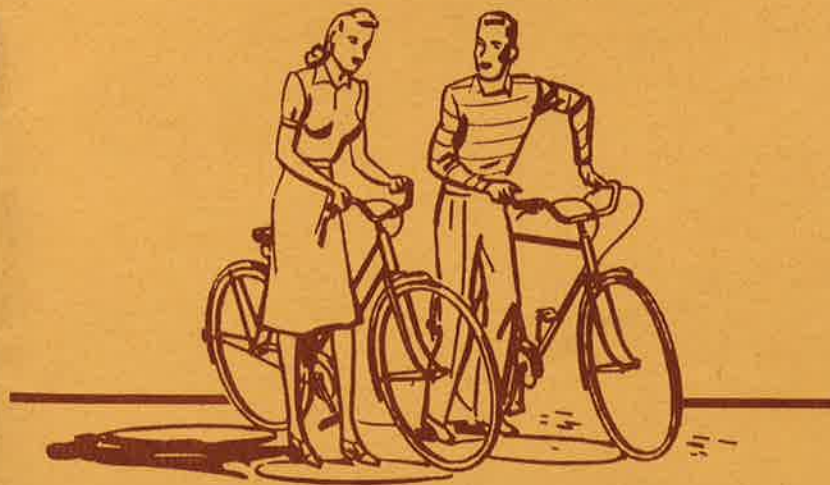


M.S.U. - Traffic Regulations



**Bicycle
Ordinance**

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

BRIEF BICYCLE FACTS

If you are a Michigan State University resident, and wish to own or operate a bicycle -

YOU MUST:

1. Register your bicycle with the M. S. U. Department of Public Safety.
2. Equip your bicycle with adequate light, reflector, bell or horn, and brakes.
3. Obey the same traffic laws as pertain to automobiles.
4. Keep your bicycle parked in bicycle racks.
5. Keep your bicycle locked when not in use.
6. Yield right-of-way to pedestrians at intersections and crosswalks.

YOU MUST NOT:

1. Ride bicycles on sidewalks or pedestrian paths.
2. Ride bicycles against traffic on one-way streets.
3. Ride bicycles more than two abreast.

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS AND CONTROL OF THE USE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE CAMPUS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AND FOR THE BENEFIT AND PROTECTION OF ITS PROPERTY AND THE CONDUCTING OF ACTIVITIES.

It appearing to the State Board of Agriculture that regulations for control of the use of streets and highways on the campus of Michigan State University are essential to protect said property and the control thereof, and to obviate unnecessary and improper interference with University activities, the following ordinance is adopted pursuant to authority vested in said Board by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Michigan.

Excerpt from above ordinance relating to bicycles.

CHAPTER III BICYCLISTS - RIGHTS AND DUTIES

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SECTION 61. 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 University.

SECTION 62. 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 Michigan State University Department of Public Safety 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 Michigan State University Department of Public Safety, 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 Michigan

State University Department of Public Safety, shall constitute a registration of said bicycle.

- C. Upon receiving an application for permission to operate a bicycle, the Michigan State University Department of Public Safety shall determine whether or not said bicycle is suitable 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 Michigan State University Department of Public Safety 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 Michigan State University Department of Public Safety. Such permit tag is to be made of metal or other durable composition and shall be issued by the Michigan State University Department of Public Safety after acceptance for filing of the application for a permit. Each owner or owners of a bicycle shall, upon receiving a permit tag from the Police Department, cause the same to be affixed in a conspicuous place on the bicycle covered by said permit, provided however, that the Michigan State University Department of Public Safety may, in their 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 is 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 Michigan State

University Department of Public Safety, provided however, that said owner or owners, together with the transferee or vendee of said bicycle, may apply to the Michigan State University Department of Public Safety 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 Michigan State University Department of Public Safety 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 April 1st of each year and at a time and place to be designated by the Michigan State University Department of Public Safety. The permit tag issued upon such application shall be effective for a two-year period.
- 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 Michigan State University Department of Public Safety 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 April 1st, 1955.

SECTION 63. 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 Michigan State University Department of Public Safety to inspect every bicycle prior to 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 Michigan State University Department of Public Safety 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 Michigan State University Department of Public Safety that the deficiencies in said equip-

ment have been rectified.

SECTION 64. 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.
- 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 crosswalks.
- 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 sidewalk 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 sidewalks 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 pro-

visions 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 65. BICYCLE PARKING REGULATIONS.

- A. The Michigan State University Department of Public Safety 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 Michigan State University Department of Public Safety, pursuant to the authority hereby vested in them, 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 Michigan State University Department of Public Safety shall consult and advise with the President of Michigan State University and the landscape architect of Michigan State University. Upon the establishment of the bicycle parking lots and areas herein provided for, the Michigan State University Department of Public Safety 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 the 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.

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AGRICULTURE NOVEMBER 22, 1954.

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