

ORDINANCE NO. 7,997-N.S.

AMENDING BERKELEY MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 14.68 – BICYCLE
REGISTRATION AND LICENSING

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Berkeley as follows:

Section 1. That Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 14.68 is amended as follows:

Chapter 14.68
BICYCLES AND BICYCLE ESTABLISHMENTS

Sections:

14.68.010 Definitions.

Article I.

Bicycles and Motorized Bicycles

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- 14.68.200 Accidents--Report required when.**

14.68.010 Definitions.

A. "Bicycle" means a device upon which any person may ride, propelled exclusively by human power through a belt, chain or gears, and having either two or three wheels in a tandem or tricycle arrangement.

B. "Bicycle establishment" means and includes a business operated by any person, partnership, association or corporation, wherein new or used bicycles or bicycle parts are purchased, sold, dismantled or junked.

C. "Motorized bicycle" means any two-wheeled or three-wheeled device having fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power, or having no pedals if powered solely by electrical energy, and an automatic transmission and a motor which produces less than two gross brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the device at a maximum speed of not more than thirty miles per hour on level ground.

D. "Motorized scooter" means any two-wheeled device that has handlebars, has a floorboard that is designed to be stood upon when riding and is powered by a motor. (Ord. 7786-NS § 3, 2021; Ord. 4957-NS §§ 1-3, 1976)

Article I. Bicycles and Motorized Bicycles

14.68.110 Operation--Conformity with chapter provisions required.

It is unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle or motorized bicycle in the City in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 4957-NS § 13, 1976)

14.68.120 Riding motorized bicycles and motorized scooters on sidewalk prohibited.

No person shall ride or operate a motorized bicycle or motorized scooter on any sidewalk in the City. (Ord. 7786-NS § 4, 2021; Ord. 4957-NS § 14, 1976)

14.68.130 Riding bicycles on sidewalk permitted when.

No person shall ride or operate a bicycle on any sidewalk in the city except:

A. Juveniles, exercising the due care and giving the pedestrian the right-of-way, may ride and operate their bicycles upon the sidewalk, except such sidewalks as are in front of schools, stores or buildings used for business purposes;

B. Juveniles riding or operating a bicycle on the sidewalk shall do so in single file;

C. Peace officers who determine in good faith that riding or operating a bicycle on the sidewalk is necessary to perform official duties. (Ord. 6113-NS § 1, 1992: Ord. 4957-NS § 15, 1976)

14.68.140 Operation restrictions--Playgrounds, parks, school grounds.

No person shall ride or operate a bicycle or motorized bicycle upon any playground, park, or school ground where children are playing, without the permission of the person having supervision of said playground, park or school ground. (Ord. 4957-NS § 16, 1976)

14.68.150 Operation restrictions--Public places.

No person shall ride or operate a bicycle or motorized bicycle upon any public place in the City other than a public street or highway, without due regard for the safety of the operator and other persons upon such public place. (Ord. 4957-NS § 17, 1976)

14.68.160 Stunt riding.

No person riding or operating a bicycle or motorized bicycle shall perform or attempt to perform any acrobatic, fancy or stunt riding upon any public place, other than a street or highway, in the City. (Ord. 4957-NS § 18, 1976)

14.68.170 Procedures on emerging from driveway or alley.

The operator of a bicycle or motorized bicycle, on leaving a driveway or alley when the operator's view of either the sidewalk or street area is obstructed, shall stop such bicycle or motorized bicycle immediately prior to riding upon or across such sidewalk or street area. (Ord. 4957-NS § 19, 1976)

14.68.180 Parking Restrictions.

No person shall park any bicycle, motorized bicycle, or motorized scooter against windows or parking meters or on the main-traveled portion of the sidewalk, nor in such

manner as to constitute a hazard to pedestrians, traffic or property. (Ord. 7786-NS § 5, 2021; Ord. 4957-NS § 20, 1976)

14.68.190 Accidents--Procedures required.

The operator of any bicycle or motorized bicycle involved in an accident shall take reasonable steps to ascertain whether or not anyone was injured, and shall give their name, and address to the person with whom they had the accident, and shall obtain the same information from the other person. (Ord. 4957-NS § 21, 1976)

14.68.200 Accidents--Report required when.

It shall be the duty of the operator of any bicycle or motorized bicycle to make a written report of any accident resulting in death or injury to the Police Department immediately after such accident. (Ord. 4957-NS § 22, 1976)

Section 2. Copies of this Ordinance shall be posted for two days prior to adoption in the display case located near the walkway in front of the Maudelle Shirek Building, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Within 15 days of adoption, copies of this Ordinance shall be filed at each branch of the Berkeley Public Library and the title shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

At a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Berkeley held on January 20, 2026, this Ordinance was passed to print and ordered published by posting by the following vote:

Ayes: Bartlett, Blackaby, Humbert, Kesarwani, Lunaparra, O’Keefe, Taplin, Tregub, and Ishii.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.