

ORDINANCE # 337  
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE  
REGISTRATION OF BICYCLES OPERAT-  
ED UPON THE STREETS OF THE TOWN  
SAN ANSELMO AND THE ISSUANCE OF  
LICENSES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE  
SAME AND TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS  
AND CONTROL OF THE OPERATION OF  
BICYCLES UPON SAID STREETS.

The City Council of the  
Town of San Anselmo.  
do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Definition. The Term 'bicycle' shall mean and include a light vehicle having two wheels, usually tandem, neither of which shall be less than twenty (20) inches in diameter, with tires inflated, having a steering wheel and a saddle seat or seats, and is propelled by the feet acting on treadles connected with cranks or levers.

SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or use a bicycle, operated alone or in part by muscular power, upon any of the streets, alleys, or public highways of the TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO without first obtaining from the Chief of Police a license therefor, and unless said bicycle is properly registered and tagged.

SECTION 3. Application for licenses shall be made to the CHIEF OF POLICE  
of the DEPARTMENT OF POLICE  
of THE TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO  
upon blanks provided for it, which shall be signed in duplicate by the applicant and contain the name, date of birth and address of owner, together with the complete description of the bicycle.

Upon proper application and payment of a license fee of 50 ¢ to the above officer, he is hereby authorized to issue upon written application therefor a bicycle license which shall be effective for the duration of ownership of said bicycle by said licensee. Said license, when issued, shall entitle the licensee, and authorized persons, after a corresponding registration card and license tag have been secured, to operate said bicycle, for which said license has been issued, upon the streets, alleys and public highways, exclusive of the sidewalks thereof, in the Town of San Anselmo.

The above officer shall keep a record of the date of issuance of each license, to whom issued and the number thereof. Registrations shall be serially numbered and kept on file with the above officer and duplicate copies showing all the information contained in the originals shall be furnished to the office of the Sheriff of the County of Marin.

Section 4. After the payment of the required fee the above officer shall issue a registration card and a license tag. The latter shall be affixed to the rear of the frame of the bicycle in a conspicuous place and shall remain so affixed until re-registration or removed by the proper authority for cause. In case of theft or loss of the tag, a duplicate tag shall be issued upon payment of a fee covering the actual cost of such tag.

Section 5. Bicycles registered and licensed under the provisions hereof shall not be required to be re-licensed except upon the transfer of ownership and possession of such bicycle to another person.

SECTION Every person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of buying, selling, exchanging or trading in used or second hand bicycles, and every person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of buying or selling new bicycles, shall make a daily report in duplicate to the above officer of all used or second hand bicycles bought, exchanged or traded in, by each such person, firm or corporation during the preceding day, on form provided by said officer. Each such report shall specify a full and complete description of such used or second hand bicycle, and in addition thereto, wherever available, the serial numbers, factory numbers, frame number, color, type, model, frame size, wheel size, name of brake and other marks of identification, the date of purchase or trade, together with the name, address, age, height and weight of the person or persons selling or trading in such bicycle. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of buying second hand bicycles to purchase any such second hand bicycles from a minor under eighteen (18) years of age.

SECTION 7. It shall be the duty of every person who sells or transfers ownership of any bicycle to report such sale or transfer by returning to the office of the above officer the registration card issued to such person as licensee thereof, together with the name and address of the person to whom said bicycle was sold or transferred, and such report shall be made within seven (7) days of the date of such sale or transfer. It shall be the duty of the purchaser or transferee of such bicycle to apply for a transfer of the registration thereof within seven (7) days of the sale or transfer.

SECTION 8. It shall be unlawful for any person to wilfully or maliciously remove, destroy, mutilate or alter the number of any bicycle frame licensed pursuant to this ordinance. Within seven days after any bicycle registered hereunder shall change ownership or be dismantled and taken out of operation, the person in whose name the bicycle has been registered shall report such information to the above officer. It shall also be unlawful for any person to remove, destroy, mutilate or alter any license plate, seal or registration card during the time in which such license plate, seal or registration card shall operate.

SECTION 9. The registration and license fee to be paid ~~in~~ for each bicycle shall be fifty cents (\$.50) and shall be paid in advance at the time of issuance of the license, to the above officer, and pursuant to this ordinance, such license may be transferred when the ownership of said bicycle is transferred, and the fee of fifty cents (\$.50) shall be paid for the registration of such transfer with the above officer. All license fees collected under this ordinance shall be paid into the general fund of the TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO.

SECTION 10. Every license issued hereunder shall be deemed to be granted subject to the following conditions:

a. Every person propelling or riding a bicycle upon a public roadway shall be subject to the provisions of all ordinances and state laws applicable to the operator of any vehicle, except those provisions with reference to equipment of vehicles and except those provisions which by their nature would have no application.

b. Every bicycle operated upon the streets and public highways of the TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO during any of the time between a half hour after sunset until a half hour before sunrise shall be equipped with a lamp firmly attached or affixed on the front of such vehicle, exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front, and with a lamp on the rear, exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear, except that a red reflector may be used in lieu of a rear light.

c. Every bicycle when operated upon a highway shall be equipped with a brake adequate to control the movement of and to stop such vehicle whenever necessary. Such brake shall be maintained in good working order at all times.

d. No such bicycle shall be operated upon any public sidewalk or upon any pedestrian paths in the public parks.

e. Every bicycle when operated on a highway shall be kept as close to the right-hand curb as possible.

f. Every person when operating a bicycle upon a highway shall ride such bicycle in single file only and at no time shall bicycles be operated two or more abreast.

g. It shall be unlawful for any person riding upon a bicycle to cling or attach himself or his bicycle to any other moving vehicle or street car upon a street or highway.

h. The operator of a bicycle shall not carry another person on the bicycle when operating such bicycle upon any highway in the city, nor shall the operator of any such bicycle tow or draw any coaster, sled, person on roller skates, toy vehicle, or other similar vehicle on a public highway.

i. No person operating a bicycle upon a public highway shall participate in any race or speed or endurance contests with any other vehicle, excepting, however, organized racing or endurance contests upon first obtaining a permit therefor, by the sponsoring organization, from the Chief of Police.

j. No rider of a bicycle shall remove both hands from the handlebars, or feet from the pedals, or practice any acrobatic or fancy riding on any street.

k. Every person operating a bicycle upon a public highway shall stop for all arterial highways and automatic traffic signals, and shall observe and obey all other traffic signals and signs.

SECTION 11. The above officer shall have authority to suspend the registration of and remove the license tag from any bicycle operated contrary to any State law or city ordinance, such suspension and removal to continue for a period not to exceed ten days. Such suspension and removal shall be in addition to other penalties provided hereunder. Registration cards shall be shown to any police officer on demand or when ordered to appear for any violation of the bicycle ordinance.

SECTION 12. Every bicycle in the TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO shall be inspected and examined prior to registration at the Police Department and any other location designated by the Police Department to ascertain its serial number and mechanical condition. If such bicycle has no serial number a serial number shall be stamped on the frame of such bicycle by any qualified mechanic, and if said bicycle is not in good mechanical condition a license may be refused until necessary repairs are made.

SECTION 13. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2 hereof, bicycles properly registered and tagged under the provisions of an ordinance similar to the terms hereof of the County of Marin, or any city situated therein, may be operated upon the streets, alleys and public highways of the TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO, provided that the governing body of said County or City in its said ordinance has made reciprocal provisions for bicycles registered under the provisions of this ordinance and provided further that the provisions of said Section 2 shall not apply to the operation of bicycles on the streets, alleys and public highways of TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO where such operation is merely transitory.

SECTION 14. Any person violating any of the provisions of the preceding sections shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not to exceed ten (\$10.00) dollars or the court may prohibit such person from riding a bicycle for a period not to exceed six (6) Months and may order such person's license plate and registration card confiscated.

SECTION 15. All ordinances or parts of ordinances contravening the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 16. If any provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 17. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirth (30) days after its passage, and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage, shall be published in SAN ANSELMO TIMES, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION, published in the County of Marin, State of California.

The foregoing ordinance was passed by the  
CITY COUNCIL, of THE TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO

on the 10th day of July, 1951, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen: Knoles, O'Mara, ~~Smith~~ Booth  
Noes: Councilmen: Skinner, Smith

*Carmel H. Booth*  
Mayor, Town of San Anselmo

Attest:

*Mildred Diagne*  
City Clerk