

ORDINANCE NO. 3-600

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF BICYCLES
AND REGULATING THE USE OF BICYCLES WITHIN THE CITY OF ISHPEMING

THE CITY OF ISHPEMING ORDAINS:

Section 3-601. Every person living within the City of Ishpeming, Michigan, or outside of said limits, who owns and/or operates a bicycle within the limits of the City of Ishpeming, Michigan, shall cause the ownership thereof to be registered with the Police Department of said City of Ishpeming in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 3-602. The owner of every bicycle operated upon the streets, alleys and public ways within the limits of the City of Ishpeming shall, within thirty days after the passing of this Ordinance and on the first of May of each calendar year, file with the Police Department an application for registration setting forth the owner's parent or guardian if said owner be a minor, make of bicycle, serial number, the former owner's name from whom purchased and such other information as shall be required and describing all extra equipment.

Section 3-603. The said application shall be immediately acted upon by the Police Department and said bicycle shall be inspected as to its mechanical and safety condition and if said bicycle shall be approved by the Police Department, then upon the payment to the City the sum of \$.50, it shall assign a registration number to each bicycle so registered and shall issue a suitable license plate which will contain the registration number, the year for which it was issued and such other identification shall be permanently attached to said bicycle, and shall deliver to the owner a registration receipt which shall set forth upon the face thereof the name and address of the owner of the registered bicycle, the maker and manufacturer's serial number. The receipt or certificate of registration shall be signed in ink by the registered owner and a duplicate of such receipt of registration may be obtained from the Police Department by filing an affidavit of the loss or destruction of the receipt and upon payment of a fee of \$.25. The Police Department shall remit to the City Treasurer prior to the first day of each month all money collected because of said registration and licensing and report the same to the Common Council in his monthly report.

Section 3-604. It shall be unlawful for any person to alter or confiscate any registration tag, plate, or registration receipt issued in conformity with this Ordinance.

Section 3-605. In the event that a licensed bicycle be sold or transferred the license tag, plate or other means of identification shall pass to the new owner in the sale and the sale of said bicycle shall be reported to the Police Department by the new owner or transferee thereof within ten days after said sale of any new owner or transferee of said bicycle.

Section 3-606. No person or persons shall ride any bicycle on the sidewalks in the business districts of the City of Ishpeming which are defined to be Main Street, from Canda to Division, Cleveland Avenue, from Pine to Fourth Street, and Division Street, from Fourth Street to Lake Street. Bicycles may, however, be pushed upon the sidewalks provided the riders follow all regulations as to said use.

Section 3-607. No person shall park any bicycle between the curbs on any street in the business section described in Section 3-606. When bicycles are parked on any sidewalk they shall be parked so as to leave a space of at least five feet for the free passing of the pedestrians and shall be parked in such a manner that they will not obstruct any entrance to any building open to the public.

Section 3-608. Pedestrians shall at all times have the right-of-way upon the sidewalks

of said City and if necessary the riders of bicycles shall dismount and vacate the sidewalk in order to let the pedestrians pass. Such riders shall have their bicycles under control at all times.

Section 3-609. Every person riding a bicycle on the public streets, alleys, or sidewalks of said City shall at all times obey all stop lights and stop signs, and other traffic signals and regulations and shall be governed by the laws of Michigan relating to the operation of the public streets, alleys, and sidewalks of vehicles so far as such laws apply to vehicles other than motor vehicles.

Section 3-610. Operation of Bicycles:

1. No person shall ride or propel a bicycle upon any public street, highway, boulevard, sidewalk or alley, except in a careful and prudent manner. A person propelling a bicycle shall ride astride a permanent or regular seat and shall not carry any other persons upon such bicycle other than the number for which it was designed or equipped. No person riding upon any bicycle shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon a roadway.
2. No bicycle shall be ridden upon any public street, highway, boulevard, sidewalk or alley during any period of time from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise without a headlight visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet, or an adequate red tail-light or red reflector attached to and visible from the rear of such bicycle from a distance of at least three hundred (300) feet when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps of a motor vehicle.

Section 3-611. Violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a municipal civil infraction. A person, firm or corporation determined to be responsible or responsible "with explanation" for a municipal civil infraction shall be subject to a civil fine of not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars plus costs, and if applicable, damages and expenses as provided by law. A municipal civil infraction action brought for any violation of this ordinance shall follow the procedures set forth in Act No. 12, P.A. 1994, as amended, and a Defendant charged with a municipal civil infraction violation shall have all of the rights, duties, responsibilities and obligations set forth therein.

Section 3-612. This ordinance shall take effect upon legal publication.

Amended: June 8, 1994