

Chapter 124

VEHICLES, PEOPLE-POWERED

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Henniker 7-14-1992. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Vehicles and traffic -- See Ch. 120.

~ 124-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to promote pedestrian safety on all public walkways and sidewalks in the Downtown area of Henniker.

~ 124-2. Applicability of statutes.

All provisions of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated shall apply.

~ 124-3. Scope.

The scope of this chapter restricts the operation of bicycles and all other person-powered vehicles on the public walkways and sidewalks of downtown Henniker.

~ 124-4. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

BICYCLE -- Every device propelled by human power, upon which any person(s) may ride, having two tandem wheels.

CHIEF OF POLICE -- The Chief of Police, Town of Henniker.

DOWNTOWN AREA -- The area of Main Street (East) to Ramsdell Road; Route 114 (South) to Grove Street; Western Avenue (West) to Fairview Avenue; Rush Road (North) to Rush Square; and Route 114 (North) to Prospect Street.

PARTY -- Person(s) regardless of age.

PERSON-POWERED VEHICLES -- Include but are not limited to skateboards, scooters, adult-driven tricycles, roller blades and roller skates.

~ 124-5. Riding on sidewalks and town-owned property in downtown area prohibited

- A. No person shall operate a bicycle or person-powered vehicle on any public walkway or sidewalks on town-owned property within the downtown area, except at designated areas. (Revised 10-7-2008)

- B. In all other locations, bicycles and people-powered vehicles shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at all times.

~ 124-6. Required equipment.

- A. Headlamp. Every bicycle operated upon any public way during darkness shall be suitably equipped with front lamp and rear reflector sufficient to meet the requirements as set forth in RSA 266:86.
- B. Pedal reflector. No person shall operate any bicycle unless it is equipped with suitable pedal reflectors as set forth in RSA 266:87.
- C. Brakes. No person shall operate any bicycle which is incapable of meeting the standard stopping distance as set forth in RSA 266:87.

~ 124-7. Exceptions.

- A. Any vehicle designated for and operated by a person considered to be handicapped and needed for the purpose of providing mobility to said individual.
- B. Tricycles operated by pre-school-aged children under supervision of responsible adult; stroller, carriages and wagons used by individuals for carrying children or daily necessities.
- C. Bicycles, skateboards, scooters and adult-driven tricycles are permitted only when dismounted; or in the case of roller blades or roller skates, not being worn but being under control of the operator.

~ 124-8. Violations and penalties.

- A. Any party violating the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a violation.
- B. Any party who violates any provision of this chapter may have his/her bicycle, skateboard, roller blades or roller skates impounded by a police officer for a period of time not to exceed 30 days.
- C. Any party who is in receipt of a second violation of this chapter and has his/her bicycle, skateboard, scooter, adult-driven tricycle, roller blades or roller skates impounded shall pay a fee of \$10 to have said article returned. In the case of a minor (15 years or younger), the fee and release from impoundment shall be accomplished by the parent(s) or legal guardian of the child.
- D. A summons may be issued to those persons 16 years of age or older for any offense under this chapter payable with a fine up to \$50.