

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE TRAFFIC CODE UPDATE

Suggested Revisions to:

Chapter 9.16 RULES OF THE ROAD and Chapter 9.38 BICYCLES

NOTE: **RED TEXT** INDICATES A DELETION AND **BLUE TEXT** INDICATES AN ADDITION

Proposed Changes:

Chapter 9.16 RULES OF THE ROAD

9.16.030 Rules for overtaking on the left

The following rules shall govern the overtaking and passing of vehicles proceeding in the same direction, subject to those limitations, exceptions and special rules stated in this section:

- A. The driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance and shall not again drive to the right side of the roadway until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle.
- B. Except when overtaking and passing on the right is permitted, the driver of an overtaken vehicle shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.
- C. The driver of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicyclist proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance, not less than three (3) feet and shall not again drive to the right side of the roadway until safely clear of the overtaken bicyclist.

Chapter 9.38 BICYCLES

9.38.020 Applicability of traffic laws to riders.

C. A person operating a vehicle by human power upon and along a sidewalk, trail or pathway, **except when crossing a roadway or street intersecting a sidewalk, trail or pathway**, shall have all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances.

1. A person operating a vehicle by human power upon and along a sidewalk, trail or pathway shall not operate the vehicle at a speed greater than 10 miles per hour when approaching or entering an uncontrolled crosswalk, approaching or crossing a driveway, or crossing a curb cut or pedestrian ramp and a motor vehicle is approaching the uncontrolled crosswalk, driveway, curb cut or pedestrian ramp.

2. A person operating a vehicle by human power upon and along a sidewalk, trail or pathway, when entering a controlled intersection, must obey the traffic control device and enter the intersection at a reasonable and prudent speed.

3. A person operating a vehicle by human power upon and along a sidewalk, trail or pathway shall operate the vehicle at a reasonable and prudent speed when in the presence of pedestrians on the same sidewalk, trail or pathway, consistent with 9.38.070.

9.38.060(A) Riders to use right edge of roadway; riding abreast.

A. Every person propelling a bicycle upon a roadway or upon a trail or pathway shall ride as near to the right edge of the roadway or trail or pathway as practicable, exercising due care when avoiding hazards and passing or meeting other vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians or users of the roadway or trail, except in the following situations **when it is unreasonable or unsafe to do so**:

1. When overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction;
2. When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway;
3. When reasonably necessary to avoid **unsafe or impracticable** conditions including, but not limited to, fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or **a road too narrow when the travel lane is too narrow to provide for the cyclist and an overtaking motor vehicle to travel side by side with a safe distance of at least three feet between the two, or where it is otherwise, which make it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or edge**;
4. When approaching a place where a right turn is authorized; or
5. When it is necessary for a cyclist to fully occupy one traffic lane while waiting to cross an intersection in order to increase the cyclist's visibility to drivers of other vehicles.
6. When traveling the same speed as other traffic.

9.38.070(B) Riding on sidewalk; giving audible warning.

B. The municipal traffic engineer is authorized to erect signs on any sidewalk or roadway prohibiting the riding of bicycles thereon by any person, and when such signs are in place no person may disobey such signs. **Signs shall be based upon the public health, safety and welfare.**

9.38.170 Applicability of requirements to rented bicycles.

A rental agency may not rent or offer any bicycle for rent unless the bicycle is equipped with the **lamps and other**-equipment required **by this chapter,-pursuant to 9.38.100.**