

**CHAPTER 10.68
BICYCLES**

§ 10.68.010. Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

"Bicycle" is as defined in California Vehicle Code Section 231.

"Electric bicycle" is a bicycle unless otherwise defined in the California Vehicle Code. This chapter shall apply to all scooters as well as electric scooter type devices.

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"Police chief" means the police chief of the city.

"Police department" means the police department of the city.
(Ord. O2021-05 § 1; Ord. O2023-20 § 1)

§ 10.68.020. Serial or model number removal prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person to willfully or maliciously remove, destroy, mutilate or alter the manufacturer's name-plate on any bicycle, or the serial or model number of any bicycle frame. It is also unlawful for any person to remove, destroy, mutilate or alter any license plate, seal, or registration card or receipt, during the time in which such license plate, seal or registration card or receipt is operative; provided, however, that nothing in this chapter shall prohibit the police department from stamping numbers on the frames of bicycles on which no serial numbers can be found or on which the number is illegible or insufficient for identification purposes.
(Ord. O2021-05 § 1)

§ 10.68.030. Prohibited on sidewalks.

- A. No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district.
 - B. The police chief 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 shall disobey the same.
 - C. No person twelve or more years of age shall ride a bicycle upon any sidewalk in any district.
 - D. Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.
- (Ord. O2021-05 § 1)

§ 10.68.040. Parking restrictions.

No person shall park any bicycle against any windows or parking signs or in the main traveled portion of the sidewalk, nor in such manner to constitute a hazard to pedestrians, traffic or property. If there are no bicycle racks or other facilities used to park bicycles in the vicinity, bicycles may be parked on the sidewalk in an upright position parallel to the curb in such a manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic.
(Ord. O2021-05 § 1)

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§ 10.68.050. Reckless riding or operating.

It is unlawful to ride or operate a bicycle with a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property. Reckless and unlawful operating includes, but is not limited to, swerving or riding into oncoming traffic or performing stunts or tricks in the roadway. (Ord. O2023-20 § 1)

§ 10.68.060. Organized, planned, or street takeover.

A. It is unlawful for any person to participate in an organized, planned, or spontaneous street takeover event using a bicycle in a manner that demonstrates willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property. This includes, but is not limited to, operating or riding a bicycle in violation of any applicable provision of this Code or the California Vehicle Code.

B. A violation of this section may be charged as a misdemeanor, subject to a fine up to \$1,000.

C. The organizer or promoter of an event that violates this section may be charged with a misdemeanor.

§ 10.68.0760. Violation—Penalty.

A. Every person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of Sections 10.68.010 through 10.68.050 shall be deemed guilty of an infraction, punishable as prescribed by Vehicle Code Section 42001. Any violation of this chapter, unless stated otherwise, is an infraction.

B. Every person, firm or corporation violating Sections 1 through 12 of the resolution of the city council of the city of Manteca, No. R 5895, passed and adopted by the city council concurrently with the ordinance codified in this section, shall be guilty of an infraction. In addition to any other penalties provided by this chapter, the Chief of Police or his/her designee is hereby authorized to require any minor less than sixteen (16) years of age who operates a bicycle in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, or of the California Vehicle Code, to attend a bicycle operator's school to be conducted under the supervision of the Chief of Police or his/her designee. Such school shall be for the purpose of educating the violator regarding proper operation of a bicycle and the provisions of law applicable to bicycles.

C. Any violation of this section can result in the bicycle being impounded by the Police Department for 30 days. In the event the owner of an impounded bicycle does not pay for its release as specified below within 60 days, the bicycle will be considered unclaimed and may be disposed.

D. Any bicycle impounded by the Police Department within a 365-day period shall be subject to release and storage fees as follows:

- 1. First Impound - \$200.00

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2. Second Impound and any thereafter - \$400.00

In the event a bicycle is impounded under to this chapter, the owner shall be entitled to an Administrative Hearing, pursuant to the procedures set forth in sections 1.10.440 through 1.10.510 of this Code.

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(Ord. O2021-05 § 1; Ord. O2023-20 § 1)

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