operators of bicycles shall be subject to the following regulations:

1. The operator shall ride single file on any way except when passing.

2. The operator shall keep to the right when:
   a. no other vehicles are using the left side of the road.
   b. there is a bike lane.
   c. there are no bike lanes, a bicycle operator may keep to the right when necessary in the interest of safety, unless otherwise directed by local official.

3. Bicycles shall be subordinated to all vehicles in the following situations:
   a. upon the approach, within the intersection, or at the junction of a crosswalk of any public way.
   b. upon the approach, within the intersection, or at the junction of a street, road, or other way to which there is immediate access from such public way.
   c. in a bike lane, a bicycle operator may keep to the right when necessary in the interest of safety.

4. The operator shall keep at least one hand upon the handlebars at all times.

5. The operator shall not carry any package, bundle, or article except articles directly related to the safe operation of the bicycle.

6. The operator shall attach a helmet or other headgear to the bicycle, in which case the helmet or other headgear shall be secured to the person by straps while the bicycle is being operated.

7. The bicycle shall be equipped with a front lamp emitting a white light visible from at least five hundred feet directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps of any motor vehicle.

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10. Every police officer who takes cognizance of such violations may give an audible signal before overtaking and passing any pedestrian.

Competitive bicycle races may be held on public ways, provided that such races are sponsored by or in cooperation with recognized bicycle organizations and, provided further that the sponsoring organization shall have obtained the approval of the appropriate police department or departments. Special regulations regarding the movement of bicycles during such races, or in connection with such races, may be prescribed by such police department or departments. Any such regulations shall be submitted for approval to the department of highways for regional or state-wide races, and to the department of public safety for local races.

Violations of any provision of this section except violations of subclause (iii) of clause (2) shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars.

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