

# Longmont Municipal Code

Longmont has adopted the Model Traffic Code with the following amendments:

## **11.04.060. - Part 2, "EQUIPMENT" amended.**

- Section 221 of the Model Traffic Code is amended to read as follows:

221. Bicycle equipment.

(1) No other provision of this part 2 of this code shall apply to a bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle or to equipment for use on a bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle except those provisions in the Code made specifically applicable to such a vehicle.

(2) Every bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle in use at the times described in section 204 shall be equipped with a lamp on the front emitting a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the front.

(3) Every bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle shall be equipped with a red reflector of a type approved by the department, which shall be visible for six hundred feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle.

(4) Every bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle when in use at the times described in section 204 shall be equipped with reflective material of sufficient size and reflectivity to be visible from both sides for six hundred feet when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle or, in lieu of such reflective material, with a lighted lamp visible from both sides from a distance of at least five hundred feet.

(5) A bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle or its rider may be equipped with lights or reflectors in addition to those required by subsections (2) to (4) of this section.

(6) A bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle shall not be equipped with, nor shall any person use upon a bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle, any siren or whistle.

(7) Every bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle shall be equipped with a brake or brakes that will enable its rider to stop the bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle within twenty-five feet from a speed of ten miles per hour on dry, level, clean pavement.

(8) A person engaged in the business of selling bicycles or electrical assisted bicycles at retail shall not sell any bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle unless the bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle has an identifying number permanently stamped or cast on its frame.

(9) License Required. No city resident shall ride or propel a bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle on any street or on any public path set aside for the exclusive use of such vehicles

unless said vehicle has been licensed in accordance with sections 221(10), 221(11) and 221(12) of this Code.

(10) License application. Applications for bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle licenses shall be made on forms provided by this municipality and shall be made to the police chief, or his designee, or a bicycle dealer.

(11) Issuance of license.

(a) The police chief, or other designated official, or bicycle dealer designated by the police department and operating pursuant to a city sales and use tax license, upon receiving a proper application, are authorized to issue bicycle and electrical assisted bicycle licenses.

(b) The police chief, or other designated official, or bicycle dealer shall not issue a license for any bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle when he knows or has reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant is not the owner of or entitled to the possession of such vehicle.

(c) The police chief, or other authorized official, or bicycle dealer shall keep a record of the number of each license, the date issued, the name and address of the person to whom issued, and the number on the frame of the bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle for which it is issued.

(12) Attachment of license identification sticker.

(a) The police chief, or other authorized official, or bicycle dealer, on issuing a bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle license, shall also issue a license identification sticker bearing the license number assigned to the vehicle and the name of this municipality.

(b) The owner or licensee shall attach the license identification sticker firmly to the frame of the bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle so it is plainly visible from the rear when the vehicle is being ridden.

(c) No person shall remove a license identification sticker from a bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle during the period for which it is issued.

(13) Transfer of ownership. On the sale or other transfer of ownership of a bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle, the registered owner shall notify the licensing agency of the transfer specifically identifying the new owner by name and address.

(14) Rental agencies. A rental agency shall not rent or offer any bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle for rent unless the vehicle is licensed and a license identification sticker is properly attached and the bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle is equipped with reflectors and other required equipment.

(15) Bicycle Dealers. Every person engaged in the business of buying or selling new or second-hand bicycles or electrical assisted bicycles shall make a report to the city of every vehicle purchased or sold by the dealer, giving the name and address of the person from whom it was purchased or to whom it was sold, a description of the bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle by name or make, its frame number, and the license identification sticker number, if any. The report shall be given to the police chief by the tenth day of each month for all sales in the previous month.

(Ord. No. O-2011-01, 1-11-2011)

**State law reference**— Bicycle equipment, C.R.S. § 42-4-221; motorized bicycle equipment, C.R.S. § 42-4-220; authority to license bicycles, C.R.S. § 43-4-111(1)(g).

#### **11.04.123. - Part 14, "OTHER OFFENSES" amended**

Sections 1412(1), 1412(3)(b), 1412 (10)(d) and 1412(11) through (18) of Part 14 of the Model Traffic Code are amended to read as follows:

1412. Operation of bicycles and other human powered vehicles.

- (1) Every person riding a bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle on a roadway where bicycle travel is permitted shall have all the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under this Code, except as to special regulations in this Code and except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application. Said riders shall comply with the rules set forth in this section and section 221. Whenever "vehicle" or "driver" is used in the driving rules in this Code that are applicable to bicycle riders, such term shall include bicycles, electrical assisted bicycles and bicycle riders.

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(b) No one shall ride other than astride a permanent and regular seat attached to a bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle.

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(d) A person riding a bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle upon and along a sidewalk shall dismount before entering any roadway and, when crossing any such roadway, shall observe all the rules and regulations applicable to pedestrians.

(11) No one shall stand or park a bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle on a street other than on the roadway against the curb, or on the sidewalk in a rack to support such bicycles or at the curb. Every bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle shall be parked in such a manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic.

(12) All bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle riders shall obey the instructions of official traffic control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

(13) Wherever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right or left or U-turn is permitted, a bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle rider shall not disobey the sign, unless the rider first dismounts from the bicycle to make the turn and obeys the regulations applicable to pedestrians.

(14) Every bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle rider on a roadway, or separate bicycle or pedestrian pathway, shall obey all signs or other traffic control devices directed to bicycles.

(15) No one shall ride a bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle at a speed greater than reasonable and prudent under the existing conditions.

(16) A bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle rider emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on the sidewalk or sidewalk area when approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, and on entering the roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the roadway.

(17) No bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle rider shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the rider from keeping at least one hand on the handlebars.

(18) Wherever official signs prohibit bicycles, no bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle rider shall disobey the signs.

(Ord. No. O-2011-01, 1-11-2011)

**State law reference**— Motorized bicycles, animals, skis, skates and toy vehicles on highways, C.R.S. § 42-4-1412.

**11.04.093. - Part 7, "RIGHTS-OF-WAY" amended.**

Section 710(3) of Part 7 of the Model Traffic Code is amended to read as follows:

710. Emerging from or entering alley, driveway, or building.

(3) No person shall drive any vehicle or motorized skateboard other than a bicycle, electric assisted bicycle, or any other human-powered vehicle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area, except upon a permanent or duly authorized temporary driveway, and except that a United States postal employee driving a Postal

Service vehicle as required to deliver mail, an emergency vehicle involved in the performance of their official duties, or a maintenance vehicle involved in the performance of official maintenance duties may drive on a sidewalk area, and while so doing shall exercise due care for the safety of any persons or property on or along the sidewalk area.

*(Ord. No. O-2011-01, 1-11-2011)*

**State law reference**— Emerging from or entering alley, driveway or building, C.R.S. § 42-4-710.