City of La Crescent Bicycle Ordinance and License

City code 70. 07 Bicycles

Definition. *BICYCLE: Any device propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels or any device generally recognized as a bicycle, equipped with tow front or two rear wheels*.

The police dept recommends that you keep a photo of your bike & serial # on file, should it ever need to be posted as lost or stolen.

Rules for Operation:

1. *Rights and Responsibilities of Bicyclists*: Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of the state and the traffic regulations of La Crescent except as those regulations which by their nature can have no application to bicycles.
2. *Manner of Riding*: A person propelling a bicycle shall only ride upon or astride a permanent regular seat attached to the frame.
3. *Number riding*: No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.
4. *Attachment to Other Vehicles*: No person riding a bicycle shall attach it, or self, to any vehicle upon a street, alley or roadway.
5. *Riding Abreast:* Every person operating a bicycle upon a street, alley or other roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practical, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.
6. *Carrying Items:* No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or item which prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the handle bars.
7. *Where to Ride:* **No person shall ride a bicycle or scooter upon a sidewalk within a business district**. nor shall a rider use the roadway when a useable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to such roadway.
8. *Pedestrians Have the Right of Way:* 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 a pedestrian.

Equipment:

1. *Night Driving Requirements*: Every bicycle – when in use at nighttime – shall be equipped with a light on the front to emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear, visible from all distances from 50 feet to 300 feet to the rear when directly in front of the lawful upper beams of vehicle head lights. A red light on the back of the bicycle may be used in addition to the reflector, if it's able to be seen from a distance of 500 feet.
2. *Brakes*: Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.
3. *Parent / Caregiver Responsibility*: It is unlawful for the parent or guardian of any minor to authorize or knowingly permit a child to violate any provisions of this section. Violation shall be deemed a petty misdemeanor.
4. *Helmets*: Properly fitting bicycle helmets are highly recommended. (Snug, level & stable). More info: http://www.bhsi.org/fit.htm

Per MN Statute. Search https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/169.222 for more information.
Riders must be at least **15 years old** to operate an eBike and **16 years old** to operate a Class 3 eBike.

La Crescent MN Bicycle License Record (PRINT for Clarity)

Date: _____ License Number Issued: _____

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Value $ _____ Bike Style: _____ Speeds: _____

Frame: Male / Female / Step-Through Brand: _____ Color: _____

Serial Number: _____