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It shall be unlawful to ride bicycles and mopeds at any time on those sidewalks adjacent to those street as listed in section 230 of appendix I, which is hereby incorporated herein and made a part of this Code by reference, a copy of which shall be maintained on file in the office of the clerk of council and in the office of the city traffic engineer, except children under 12 years of age when supervised by an adult shall be permitted to ride bicycles on such sidewalks providing they yield to pedestrians.

(Ord. of 1-22-2004(3), § 1)

Cross reference— Streets and sidewalks, § 4-1001 et seq.

Sec. 7-1133. Regulation of quadricycles.

- (1) A "quadricycle" shall be defined as a non-motorized vehicle propelled entirely by human power through the use of fully operative pedals in a manner similar to a bicycle, and which has at least four load-bearing wheels; a quadricycle shall be equipped with more than two seats for passengers who shall operate the pedals to propel but not steer the vehicle, and a separate seat or bench to be occupied by a driver who shall steer the vehicle and be able to bring the vehicle to a complete stop on level pavement.
- (2) Quadricycles operating within the city shall be equipped with the following:
 - a. Hip restraints as defined by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)/National Golf Carts Manufactures Association (NGCMA) shall be installed for every seat on the vehicle. The driver of the quadricycle shall not operate the vehicle unless each passenger thereon is wearing a hip restraint. The failure of a passenger to wear a hip restraint shall not be considered evidence of negligence, comparative or otherwise, including apportionment of fault, on the part of the passenger, and shall not be evidence used to diminish any recovery for damages arising out of the ownership, maintenance, occupancy, or operation of a vehicle.
 - b. Lighting on the vehicle which shall be the following:
 1. A light on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of 300 feet to the front.
 2. A taillight mounted on the rear, which when lighted shall emit a red light plainly visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear.
 3. A brake light on the rear which shall emit a red light and which shall be actuated upon application of the service (foot) brake and which may but need not be incorporated with a

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taillight. Every brake light shall be plainly visible and understandable from a distance of 300 feet to the rear both during normal sunlight and at nighttime.

- c. Rear signage which shall conform with those standards and specifications adopted for slow-moving vehicles by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers in December 1966, and contained within such society's standard ASAE S276.1, or shall be an emblem of the same shape and size painted on such vehicle in a bright and conspicuous retro reflective red orange paint. Such emblem shall be mounted on the rear of such vehicles, in the approximate horizontal geometric center of the vehicle, at a height of three to five feet above the roadway, and shall be maintained at all times in a clean and reflective condition.
 - d. A mirror capable of showing the driver a view of the roadway for a distance of 200 feet to the rear of the vehicle.
 - e. A Braking system, operable by the driver, that is capable of overriding all methods of propulsion and bringing the vehicle to a complete stop.
 - f. A barrier on both sides of bench seating that restricts sliding beyond seating capacity.
- (3) No person may occupy a quadricycle on a seat equipped with a pedal unless such person is physically able to sit upright in the seat and operate the pedals which power the vehicle.
- (4) No person under the age of 16 may occupy a quadricycle unless such person is wearing a properly fastened protective headgear set by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or the Snell Memorial Foundation.
- (5) All quadricycles operating for commercial purposes must maintain the following insurance:
- a. No owner of a quadricycle or any other person shall operate or authorize any other person to operate a quadricycle for commercial purposes within the City of Savannah unless the owner has in effect a policy of comprehensive general liability insurance issued by an insurance company duly authorized to do business in the State of Georgia, which policy provides for the payment of damages for bodily injury, loss of consortium or death of a person, and for injury to or destruction of property of a person or entity, due to the liability of the owner or operator of a quadricycle arising out of the ownership, operation, use, or maintenance of a quadricycle. The policy shall provide coverage with limits in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per accident. The policy shall provide that the insurer shall give notice of any cancellation or non-renewal of the policy which is due to the named insured not only to the named insured but contemporaneously to the revenue director as well.
 - b. The owner of a quadricycle shall maintain on file with the revenue director a copy of the current policy of comprehensive general liability insurance required by subparagraph a. Failure to comply with this provision shall result in the immediate suspension of the owner's rights and privileges to operate the quadricycle commercially within the city.
- (6) Any commercial quadricycle operating under this article shall hold the city, its officers, agents, servants and employees harmless against any and all liability, loss, damages or expense which may accrue to the city by reason of negligence, default or misconduct of the company in connection with the rights granted to such company hereunder. Nothing in this article shall be considered to make the city, its officers, agents, servants or employees liable for damages because of any negligent act or omission or commission by the quadricycle company, its servants, agents, drivers or other employees, during the operation by the company of a quadricycle business or service, either in respect to injury to persons or with respect to damage to property which may be sustained.

(Ord. of 5-17-2012(1), § 1)

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Sec. 7-1134. Movement of quadricycles in city.

Quadricycles operated for commercial purposes may only operate in an area encompassing Montgomery Street to the west, Charlton Street to the south, Bull Street to the east and Bryan Street to the north. Private/chartered quadricycle tour routes shall only operate in an area encompassing Montgomery Street to the west, the north side of Gaston Street to the south, Habersham Street to the east and Bryan Street to the north. All quadricycle tours shall be subject to all traffic regulations applicable to motorized tour vehicles; quadricycles operated for personal, non-commercial purposes shall be subject to the same rules of operation as bicycles within the city.

(Ord. of 5-17-2012(1), § 1)

Secs. 7-1135—7-1140. Reserved.

FOOTNOTE(S):

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Editor's note— Ord. of 1-22-2004(3), § 1, amended art. F in its entirety and enacted the provisions set out herein. The former art. F, titled Bicycles, derived from Code 1977, §§ 7-1011 and 7-1102; Ord. of 10-13-1994(4), § 7-1103; and Ord. of 6-17-1999, § 1(7-1102). ([Back](#))