

373.11 RIDING BICYCLES; HELMETS

- a) No person under the age of eighteen (18) years shall operate a bicycle, including an electric bicycle, or powered scooter, within the City unless such person is wearing a protective helmet on his/her head with a properly fastened chin strap. Such helmets shall be appropriately fitted to the size of the operator and shall meet or exceed the standards set by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.
- b) No person the age of one year or older but under the age of eighteen (18) years shall be a passenger on a bicycle, electric bicycle, or bicycle trailer within the City unless such person is wearing a protective helmet on his/her head, with a properly fastened chin strap. Such helmet shall be appropriately fitted to the size of the passenger and shall meet or exceed the standards set by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.
- c) No parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a person under the age of eighteen (18) years, who fails to comply with subsections (a) or (b), shall knowingly aid, abet, cause, encourage, or permit such conduct.
- d) This section shall not be applicable to the operation of a bicycle on private residential property.
- e) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and subject to a fine in an amount not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). For each and every subsequent violation of this section, the fine shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- f) Failure to wear a protective helmet as required by this section shall not be considered to be comparative or contributory negligence on the part of the parent, guardian, custodian, person having custody or control, or person in loco parentis of a child nor on the part of the child nor shall such failure be admissible in any civil action.