

ORDINANCE NO. 43

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND REQUIRING
THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF BICYCLE;
PRESCRIBING REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION
AND EQUIPMENT THEREOF; AND PRESCRIBING
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

The Board of Supervisors of Rush Township hereby ordain
as follows:

SECTION 1. The word, "bicycle" as used in this
Ordinance, shall mean every device propelled by human power upon
which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels either of
which is twenty inches or more in diameter.

SECTION 2. No person, who resides in Rush Township,
shall ride or propel a bicycle on any street or public alley
unless such bicycle shall have been licensed and a license tag
shall have been attached thereto as provided herein.

SECTION 3. No person, not a resident of Rush Township,
shall ride or propel a bicycle, ordinarily kept within or rented
within the limits of said Township, on any street or public alley
unless such bicycle shall have been licensed and a license tag
shall have been attached thereto as provided herein.

SECTION 4. Every owner of a bicycle or the parent or
guardian of a minor owner thereof, shall on or before the 15th

day of April in each and every year, make application to the Chief of Police for a bicycle license and license tag, such application to be made on a form to be provided by the Township.

SECTION 5. The Chief of Police shall provide in each year, at the expense of the Township, license tags, together with registration cards, which tags and cards shall have numbers stamped thereon in numerical order, the name of the Township and the year for which the same are issued. Such tag shall be suitable for attachment to the rear mud guard of the frame of the bicycle for which issued, in such a position as to be plainly visible. Such tag shall be attached to the bicycle by the Chief of Police at the time of issuing the license, and shall remain attached to the bicycle for which it is issued for so long as such license shall remain in effect. The Chief of Police shall also keep a record of such registration. Upon the issuance of a license and attachment of a tag to the bicycle, the Chief of Police shall also furnish to the owner of such bicycle a corresponding registration card. The operator of a bicycle shall display his registration card, or produce satisfactory proof that the owner has such registration card, upon the demand of any officer of the Rush Township Police Department.

SECTION 6. The Chief of Police shall inspect each bicycle before licensing the same, and shall refuse a license for any bicycle which he deems to be in an unsafe condition.

SECTION 7. Upon the expiration of any bicycle license the same may be renewed upon application and inspection by the

Chief of Police.

SECTION 8. It shall be the duty of every person who sells or transfers ownership of any bicycle within Rush Township to report such sale to the Chief of Police within three (3) days of the date thereof. If such bicycle had been licensed and registered, such person shall, at the same time, return to the Chief of Police the registration card. Such person shall furnish the Chief of Police with the name and address of the person to whom such bicycle was sold or transferred.

SECTION 9. It shall be the duty of any person who purchases or otherwise acquires a bicycle, immediately to apply for a registration card and license tag, which shall be valid until the 15th day of April following the issuance thereof.

SECTION 10. It shall be unlawful for any person wilfully or maliciously to remove, destroy, mutilate or alter the number on any bicycle frame; and it shall be unlawful for any person to remove, destroy, mutilate or alter any license tag or registration card during the time when such license tag or registration card is valid, except as provided in Section 8 hereof. Provided, however, that if any bicycle does not have a serial number stamped on the frame thereof, or if such number is illegible, then the Chief of Police shall stamp an identification number on the frame of such bicycle.

SECTION 11. In case of loss or destruction of any license tag and/or registration card, a duplicate tag and/or

card shall be issued to the registered owner of such bicycle, upon payment of a fee of ten (10¢) cents for each tag or card required provided such owner gives satisfactory proof of such ownership and loss or destruction of such card and/or tag, by affidavit or otherwise, to the Chief of Police.

SECTION 12. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle upon any street or public alley in the Township in violation of any traffic ordinances of the Township which are applicable to motor vehicles.

SECTION 13. No person shall operate a bicycle upon any street or public alley unless such bicycle is equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for at least one hundred (100') feet, except that no bicycle shall be equipped with, nor shall any person use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.

SECTION 14. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle upon any street or public alley in such a manner as to interfere with any pedestrian who is exercising due care thereon.

SECTION 15. It shall be unlawful for any person operating a bicycle upon any street or public alley in the Township to propel such bicycle abreast or to the left of any other person so propelling a bicycle, except in passing such bicycle.

SECTION 16. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be

sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Five (\$5.00) Dollars
and cost of prosecution.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
RUSH TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF SCHUYLKILL AND STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
this 1st day of March, 1974.

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