

# **BICYCLE ORDINANCE OF CALHOUN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

## **APPLICABILITY OF TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

- (A)** The regulations applicable to bicycles shall apply whenever a bicycle is operated upon any highway or upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles subject to those exceptions stated in this chapter.
- (B)** 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 declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles or by this title applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations in this chapter and except as to those regulations which by their nature can have no application.
- (C)** Any person operating a bicycle shall obey the instructions of official traffic-control signals, signs and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer or sheriff's deputy.

## **RIDING PROCEDURES ON ROADWAYS AND BICYCLE PATHS**

- (A)** Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.
- (B)** Persons riding bicycles upon a public roadway shall not ride more than two abreast on roadways with marked center lines. Person riding bicycles on a public roadway shall ride single file except while actively passing another cyclist on any unmarked roadways.
- (C)** Wherever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a roadway, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the roadway.

## **PROCEDURE ON ENTERING PUBLIC WAYS**

The operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, yield the

right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on the sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the roadway.

### **LAMPS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT ON BICYCLES**

Every bicycle, when in use at nighttime, shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear of a type approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation which shall be visible from all distances of 100 feet to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlights on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

### **REGISTRATION**

- (A)** All individuals or organizations planning an event of 50 or more participants on the Calhoun County Highway System are required to obtain a permit from the Calhoun County Sheriff at least 90 days prior to said event. No more than 600 participants total per day shall be permitted during events on the County Highway System. Staggered start times are encouraged.
- (B)** A group is defined as a number of individuals who by invitation, planning or design are using the Calhoun County Highway System on the same day, regardless of whether they ride/walk/run in a contiguous formation.
- (C)** The Sheriff, with the advice and consent of the County Engineer, shall consider relevant factors, including, but not limited to, road conditions, traffic volume, construction, ambulance availability, special events and compliance with rules during previous events, when determining whether to issue a permit. The Sheriff shall issue or deny the permit within 30 days of application.
- (D)** Permit applications shall contain the following information:

  - (1)** The name of the organization sponsoring the event, if any.
  - (2)** The date of the event.

- (3) The number of participants estimated to be present during the event.
- (4) The proposed route of the event.
- (5) The location of all rest stops.
- (6) Anticipated times of arrival and approximate number of individuals to be received at each of the rest stop locations.
- (E) Persons participating in the event shall obey all traffic and other laws of the State of Illinois and all ordinances of the County of Calhoun and shall not enter upon private property without permission of the owner.
- (F) Participating in a group event without having first obtained a permit pursuant to this section is a violation of this code.

#### **ISSUANCE OF PERMIT**

- (A) The Calhoun County Sheriff shall issue a permit upon receipt payment of \$500.00 permit fee, payable to the Calhoun County Sheriff, and receipt of proof of Signed Indemnity Agreement & Waiver of Liability. The permit fee is intended to help defray the cost associated with an increased police presence during the event to help keep riders safe. Permit fee may be waived by the County Board upon written request. Waiver may be full or partial. Waivers shall be made on a case-by-case basis. County Board may consider the number of riders, for-profit versus nonprofit status of applicant and economic impact to the county in making their decision.
- (B) Any group who has been issued a permit for a group event shall also cause a notice to be published in the Calhoun News Herald or other local publication indicating the date of the ride, expected route and number of participants at least 30 days prior to the event start date.
- (C) The Calhoun County Board of Commissioners may require said group to provide proof of liability insurance.

**PENALTY**

Every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$200.00.

ORDAINED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Calhoun County Clerk  
(SEAL)