

§ 385.150 Safety Equipment.

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A.

For all purposes of this Section, the term "*bicycle or similar device*" shall include bicycles, scooters, roller blades, skateboards and similar devices.

B.

No person shall operate or be a passenger upon any bicycle or similar device on any City public street, sidewalk, alley or passageway unless wearing and equipped with a helmet of good fit, fastened securely upon his/her head. The term "*helmet*", as used herein, shall mean a piece of headgear which meets or exceeds the impact standard for protective bicycle helmets established by the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission Federal Safety Standards, by the American National Standards Institute ("ANSI"), by the Snell Memorial Foundation or by the American Society of Testing and Materials ("ASTM").

C.

No person operating a bicycle or similar device on any City public street, sidewalk, alley or passageway shall permit any person to be a passenger on such bicycle or similar device without him/her wearing a secure helmet.

D.

No parent, guardian or custodian of a child sixteen (16) years or less shall knowingly permit any said child to operate or be a passenger upon any bicycle or similar device on any City public street, sidewalk, alley or passageway without said minor wearing a secure helmet.

E.

No person operating a bicycle on any City public street, sidewalk, alley or passageway shall allow any child either four (4) years or younger and weighing forty (40) pounds or less to ride as a passenger other than in a seat which adequately retains the child in place and protects the child from the bicycle's moving parts.

F.

Any fines imposed upon a person sixteen (16) years or less for violation of any portion of this Section shall be the legal responsibility of the person's parent, guardian or custodian.

G.

The violation of any portion of this Section may be punished by a fine not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

