

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

REGULATIONS FOR USE OF THE ROADWAY BY
PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLES, AND OTHER FORMS OF
WHEELED TRANSPORTATION IN THE STATE STREET
PROMENADE.

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City Emergency Ordinance number 5944, as extended by Santa Barbara City Emergency Ordinance numbers 5963 and 5993, authorizes the City Administrator to establish regulations for use of the roadway by pedestrians, bicycles, and other forms of wheeled transportation in the State Street Promenade;

WHEREAS, the State Street Promenade is shared by pedestrians, bicycles, and other forms of wheeled transportation, many times in close proximity to each other; and

WHEREAS, regulations are necessary to protect the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and people who use other forms of wheeled transportation in the State Street Promenade.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS ARE HEREBY ESTABLISHED FOR THE STATE STREET PROMENADE:

- A. It is contrary to public safety and thus unlawful to use a bicycle, electric bicycle, or similar device in motion upon the ground or pavement within the State Street Promenade in a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property or in a manner which endangers the safety of persons or property.
- B. It is contrary to public safety and thus unlawful to use a bicycle, electric bicycle, or similar device in motion upon the ground or pavement within the State Street Promenade in an unsafe manner having due regard for weather, visibility, the traffic on including pedestrian traffic, special events, and the surface and width of, the State Street Promenade.
- C. A person who uses a bicycle, electric bicycle, or similar device in motion upon the ground or pavement within the State Street Promenade shall yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians on the State Street Promenade close enough to constitute an immediate hazard, and shall continue to yield the right-of-way to that pedestrian until he or she can proceed with reasonable safety.

- D. A person who uses a bicycle, electric bicycle, or similar device in motion upon the ground or pavement within the State Street Promenade shall not engage in or participate in any race, speed contest, endurance contest, or exhibition of speed.
- E. To emulate California Vehicle Code section 21204 (a) and (b), A person shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached to a bicycle, electric bicycle, or similar device upon the State Street Promenade.
 - a. An operator shall not allow a person riding as a passenger, and a person shall not ride as a passenger, on a bicycle, electric bicycle, or similar device upon the State Street Promenade other than upon or astride a separate attached seat.
 - b. If the passenger is four years of age or younger, or weighs 40 pounds or less, the seat shall have adequate provisions for retaining the passenger in place and for protecting the passenger from the moving parts of the bicycle.
- F. To emulate California Vehicle Code section 21212 (a), A person under 18 years of age shall not operate a bicycle, electric bicycle, or similar device in motion upon the ground or pavement within the State Street Promenade unless that person is wearing a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet that meets the standards of either the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) or the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), or standards subsequently established by those entities. This requirement also applies to a person who rides upon a bicycle while in a restraining seat that is attached to the bicycle or in a trailer towed by the bicycle.
- G. To emulate California Vehicle Code section 21201, No person shall operate a bicycle, electric bicycle, or similar device in motion upon the ground or pavement within the State Street Promenade unless it is equipped with a brake that will enable the operator to make one braked wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement.
- H. To emulate California Vehicle Code section 21201, No person shall operate upon the State Street Promenade a bicycle, electric bicycle, or similar device in motion upon the ground or pavement within the State Street Promenade that is of a size that prevents the operator from safely stopping the bicycle, supporting it in an upright position with at least one foot on the ground, and restarting it in a safe manner.
- I. To emulate California Vehicle Code section 21201, A bicycle, which includes an electric bicycle, operated during darkness upon the State Street Promenade shall be equipped with all of the following:
 - (1) A lamp emitting a white light that, while the bicycle is in motion, illuminates the highway, sidewalk, or bikeway in front of the bicyclist and is visible from a distance of 300 feet in front and from the sides of the bicycle.

- (2) A red reflector or a solid or flashing red light with a built-in reflector on the rear that shall be visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle.
- (3) A white or yellow reflector on each pedal, shoe, or ankle visible from the front and rear of the bicycle from a distance of 200 feet.
- (4) A white or yellow reflector on each side forward of the center of the bicycle, and a white or red reflector on each side to the rear of the center of the bicycle, except that bicycles that are equipped with reflectorized tires on the front and the rear need not be equipped with these side reflectors. The reflectors and reflectorized tires shall be of a type meeting requirements established by the Department of the California Highway Patrol.
- (5) A lamp or lamp combination, emitting a white light, attached to the operator and visible from a distance of 300 feet in front and from the sides of the bicycle, may be used in lieu of the lamp required above.

J. First responders, as defined by California Government Code section 8562, are exempt from the regulations above while in the performance of their duties.

K. Violation of the above regulations are subject to enforcement under Ordinance No. 5944 and as provided in Santa Barbara Municipal Code Chapters 1.25 and 1.28.

City of Santa Barbara


Rebecca Bjork
City Administrator

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