

Bikes and Laws in Wisconsin

Activity

Law #1

Chapter 12.78 Registration of Bicycles (Madison)

Registration and Licensing of Bicycles .

No person shall operate a bicycle upon any public way within the City of Madison unless said bicycle shall have been properly registered by the City of Madison as hereinafter provided, or shall have a valid current registration in another municipality.

All bicycles must be registered.

CITY OF MADISON BICYCLE REGISTRATION APPLICATION

(Please read the instructions below before completing application.)

1. PRINT LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		MIDDLE INIT.
2. PERMANENT ADDRESS				
3. CITY	4. STATE	5. ZIP CODE	6a. PERMANENT PHONE ()	
6c. E-MAIL ADDRESS			6b. LOCAL/DAYTIME PHONE ()	
7. SERIAL NUMBER				
8a. MANUFACTURER		8b. MODEL		
9a. FRAME TYPE (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond/Men's <input type="checkbox"/> Step-Through/Women's <input type="checkbox"/> Recumbent <input type="checkbox"/> Tandem <input type="checkbox"/> Tricycle <input type="checkbox"/> Other		9b. BICYCLE TYPE: (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain bike <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid <input type="checkbox"/> Road/Touring <input type="checkbox"/> BMX <input type="checkbox"/> Cruiser <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
10a. OTHER DESCRIPTION (Optional)		10b. WHEEL SIZE (Circle One) mountain/hybrid/road: 26" / 27" / 650c / 700c child/teen/small adult: 12" / 14" / 16" / 20" / 24" Other:		
10c. # of SPEEDS:	11. FRAME SIZE: CM IN	12. 1ST FRAME COLOR	13. 2ND FRAME COLOR	
13. IF 2+ BICYCLES IN YOUR FAMILY ARE CURRENTLY REGISTERED, THE FEE IS \$8 (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)		14. IF RENEWING A MADISON BICYCLE REGISTRATION, PLEASE INDICATE EXPIRED #:		
Do not write in the boxes below. FOR OFFICE USE ONLY				
DECAL NO.	EXP. YR (Circle One) 16 '17 '18 '19	FEE \$	DATE ISSUED MO DAY YR	DEALER I.D.

City of Madison. Viewed online at

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/bikemadison/documents/BikeRegMailIn.pdf>

Law #2

Section 10.32.020 Manner of operation restricted in Sun Prairie

No bicycle shall be allowed to proceed in any street in the city by inertia or momentum with the feet of the rider removed from the bicycle pedals. No rider of a bicycle shall remove both hands from the handlebars or practice any trick or fancy riding in any street in the city nor shall any bicycle rider carry or ride any other person so that two persons are on the bicycle at one time, unless a seat is provided for a second person.

You are not allowed to ride your bike in these ways:

- Feet must stay on pedals when you are moving.
- Both hands must be on the handles when riding.
- No bike tricks allowed in the city.
- Two people cannot ride on one bike unless they both have seats on the bike.



Riding bike with no feet on pedals. Image courtesy of [AdventureJay](#)

Law #3

347.489(2) Manner of operation restricted in Wisconsin

No person may operate a bicycle, motor bicycle, or electric personal assistive mobility device upon a highway, bicycle lane, or bicycle way unless it is equipped with a brake in good working condition, adequate to control the movement of and to stop the bicycle, motor bicycle, or electric personal assistive mobility device whenever necessary.

Your bicycle must have a working brake.



Bike Brake on wheel. Image courtesy of [Pixabay](#)



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