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§101. Definition. A bicycle, as herein mentioned, is a device having two (2) tandem wheels of a diameter not less than ten (10") inches and propelled by human power. (Ord. 1215, 8/11/1969, §1)

§102. Registration.

1. A person who resides within the Borough shall not ride or operate a bicycle upon any street or public place within this Borough unless said bicycle has been properly registered and tagged in accordance with the following regulations:
 - A. Every owner or operator of any bicycle within the Borough of Pottstown shall, within ten (10) days after publication of this Part, make application for the registration of said bicycle with the Chief of Police on a form provided for that purpose. No license shall be issued to a minor without the written consent of the minor's parent or guardian.
 - B. Registration of bicycles shall be serially numbered and kept on file by the Chief of Police in his office as a public record.
 - C. The Chief of Police, upon receiving proper registration of a bicycle, shall affix, or cause to be affixed, to the rear frame of the bicycle, an identification tag or plate, serially numbered to correspond with the bicycle's registration. A registration card shall be issued to the owner of each properly registered bicycle.
 - D. A charge, in an amount as established from time to time by resolution of Borough Council, shall be made for the registering and tagging of any bicycle. A charge, also in an amount as established from time to time by resolution, shall be made for the issuing of duplicate registration cards. [Ord. 1735]
 - E. The Chief of Police shall keep a record of:
 - (1) The number of each registration.
 - (2) Date issued.
 - (3) Name and address of person to whom issued.
 - (4) The make and number of each bicycle frame.
 - (5) A record of all bicycle registration fees collected.

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- F. Bicycles registered under the provisions hereof shall be registered on or before October 1, 1969, and biennially thereafter. The Chief of Police shall affix a new identification tag or plate to each bicycle at the time of such registration or re-registration.
 - G. Within ten (10) days after the sale, transfer or dismantling of any registered bicycle, such information shall be reported to the Chief of Police by the person in whose name the bicycle was registered. Such person may have the identification tag or plate of his former bicycle transferred to another bicycle owned by him without payment of an additional fee upon proper registration of such bicycle with the Chief of Police.
 - H. A rental agency shall not rent or offer any bicycle for rent unless the bicycle is properly registered and tagged and unless such bicycle is provided with the equipment required under the terms of this Part.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person willfully or maliciously to remove, destroy, mutilate or alter the identification tag or plate, frame number of the bicycle or the registration card issued to the owner thereof.

(Ord. 1215, 8/11/1969, §2; as amended by Ord. 1735, 4/12/1993)

§103. Inspection. the Chief of Police, or his duly authorized representative, shall inspect each bicycle presented for registration and shall refuse to register any bicycle found to be in an unsafe mechanical condition or lacking the equipment specified as necessary under terms of this Part. Every bicycle must be re-inspected every two (2) years. (Ord. 1215, 8/11/1969, §3)

§104. Penalties. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this part shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a penalty of not more than six hundred (\$600.00) dollars or to removal of the license plate from his bicycle, and detention thereof for not more than seven (7) days for a first violation, not more than fourteen (14) days for a second violation, or not more than thirty (30) days for a third or subsequent violation, or to both fine and such removal and detention of the license plate. In default of payment of said fine and costs, said person shall be subject to imprisonment for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days. (Ord. 1215, 8/11/1969, §6; as amended by Ord. 1735, 4/12/1993)