Bicycle Safety & Security Information

- Always wear an appropriately fitted helmet.
- Only ride a bicycle suitable for your size and needs.
- Always secure your bike when not in use.
- Use appropriate lighting and reflectors and wear bright clothing.
- Wear eye protection.
- Wear comfortable clothing that will not interfere with the operation or mechanics.
- Use hand signals (illustrated in this brochure.)
- Keep both hands on the handlebars.
- Obey all applicable traffic/bicycle laws (listed in this brochure.)
- Ride on the right hand side of the road, with traffic.
- Yield and thoroughly survey the area before entering traffic or crossing an intersection.
- Do not ride a bicycle while intoxicated or under the influence of any substance.

DUBUQUE BICYCLE TRAILS

A current map of bicycle trails is available online at: www.cityofdubuque.org/trails

Hand Signals

- Right turn
- Slow or stop
- Left turn

REGISTER YOUR BICYCLE

To register your bicycle you must complete the following information and mail it, with a check for $5.00 (one-time fee) payable to City of Dubuque, to:

City Hall
50 W. 13th St.
Dubuque, IA 52001

For more information call (563) 589-4100 or visit www.cityofdubuque.org/bicycles

PLEASE PRINT

First Name: _____________________________
Last Name: ______________________________
Address: ________________________________
City: ___________________________________
State: _______________  Zip: ______________
Phone: _________________________________
Make: __________________________________
Model: _________________________________
Serial No.: ______________________________
Color: __________________________________

For City Clerk's Office Use Only
Permit Number: __________________________
Date: _________________________________

YOUR BICYCLE INFORMATION

Make: _________________________________
Model: ________________________________
Serial No.: ______________________________
Color: __________________________________

Please keep this information card in a safe place in case the bicycle is lost or stolen, or for insurance purposes.

Bicycling in and around Dubuque supports the Sustainable Dubuque principles of Reasonable Mobility and Clean Air.
Every person driving a bicycle shall ride in the right hand through lane of the roadway except:
- When driving in a bicycle lane;
- When preparing for a left turn;
- When necessary for safety;
- When passing on the left;
- When on a one-way street, driving in the left through lane; or
- When driving on a sidewalk as permitted by section 7-7-18.

If any person drives a bicycle so slow as to impede or block the normal and legal forward movement of traffic proceeding immediately behind such vehicle, then such person shall drive within the right four feet of the street until such impeded traffic has passed by, except when reasonably necessary for safety. A person driving on a one-way street may satisfy this requirement by driving in the left four feet of the street.

The driver of a bicycle is exempted from giving the hand and arm signal continuously if the hand is needed in the control or operation of the bicycle, but it shall be given for a substantial period while stopped waiting to turn.

A bicycle may pass on the right if it is traveling to the right of vehicles stopped or moving in the right hand lane of travel, but the bicycle may not pass the first vehicle stopped at an intersection unless the bicycle is preparing to turn right and the vehicle is not signaling a right turn, nor may the bicycle pass a moving vehicle that is signaling a right turn, nor may the bicycle pass vehicles within an intersection except a vehicle signaling a left turn.

No driver of any bicycle shall pass another vehicle other than a bicycle within the same lane, but any bicycle may pass to the left of a bicycle within the same lane if it is done safely.

Bicyclists on a street or a bicycle path shall not ride more than two abreast. Bicyclists operating bicycles two abreast on a landed street shall so do within a single lane. Bicyclists operating vehicles two abreast on a street should not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic.

A person driving a bicycle upon a sidewalk or in a crosswalk shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian.

No bicyclist shall operate a bicycle recklessly or at a speed faster than is reasonably proper or in a manner so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of the bicyclist or any other person.

Every bicycle owned or ridden within this city shall be registered pursuant to the provisions of this chapter within ten (10) days of the date the bicycle is acquired or the residency of the owner is established.

No bicycle shall be registered unless it displays a serial/frame number.

Exempt from the registration requirements of this chapter are bicycles in the possession of bicycle dealers and available for sale to others and bicycles owned and operated by nonresidents of the city in competitive events or demonstrations conducted within the city.

The owner of a bicycle shall firmly attach the registration sticker or decal to the frame of the bicycle for which issued.

No person shall remove a license sticker or decal from a bicycle except upon transfer of ownership as provided herein.

The following are highlights from Title 7, Chapter 7 of the City of Dubuque Code of Ordinances regarding bicycles. Please see the code for details, available online at www.cityofdubuque.org.

- Bicycles must be equipped with:
  - A white light on the front
  - A red light on the rear
  - A functional brake
  - A permanent and regular seat

- A bicycle can only be ridden by the number of people it was designed for. Pegs are not intended to carry passengers.

- Operators must keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all times.

- Every person riding a bicycle upon a street shall have all of the rights and duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle except as modified by Title 7, Chapter 7.

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**The Jule: Rack & Ride**

The City of Dubuque’s Jule Transit Division, in partnership with Tri-State Trail Vision, has installed bicycle racks on the fronts of all Jule fixed-route buses. The Dubuque “Rack & Ride” Program allows Jule passengers to use the bicycle racks free of charge with the purchase of a regular bus fare ticket.

For more information on the Rack & Ride program, visit www.juletransit.org.

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**In the Event of an Accident**

If someone is injured, dial 9-1-1 immediately. Record the following information, and report it to the Dubuque Police Department at 563.589.4415.

- Driver info including name, phone, license plate info (state and plate number,) insurance company
- Time and location of accident
- Witness info including, name, phone, email address