

ORDINANCE NO. 2491

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA,
AMENDING CHAPTER 10.44, "BICYCLES," OF
THE MERCED MUNICIPAL CODE**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES ORDAIN AS
FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO CODE. Chapter 10.44, "Bicycles,"
of the Merced Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**"Chapter 10.44
BICYCLES**

Section:

- 10.44.010 Bicycle Defined.**
- 10.44.020 Bicycle Registration.**
- 10.44.030 Registration – Operation Restricted..**
- 10.44.040 Obedience to Traffic Control Devices.**
- 10.44.050 Speed.**
- 10.44.060 Emerging from Alley or Driveway.**
- 10.44.070 Riding on Sidewalks.**
- 10.44.080 Parking.**
- 10.44.090 Violation – Penalty.**
- 10.44.100 Report – Secondhand Dealers.**

10.44.010 Bicycle Defined.

For the purpose of this Chapter, 'bicycle' means any device upon which a person may ride, which is propelled by human power through a system of belts, chains or gears, and which has wheels at least twenty inches in diameter and a frame size of at least fourteen inches.

10.44.020 Bicycle Registration.

No person shall ride, operate or use a bicycle upon any public street or highway in the city without first registering the bicycle on a national bicycle registry.

10.44.030 Registration – Operation restricted.

When registered, bicycle registration shall entitle the owner to ride such bicycle for which the registration has been issued upon all the streets, public highways and designated bicycle trails of the city. Bicycles may also be ridden on all the sidewalks of the city except the following, when appropriate signs are displayed thereon: Main Street from G to V Street, 18th Street from Martin Luther King, Jr. Way to N Street, I Street from 16th to 18th Street, Martin Luther King, Jr. Way from 16th to 18th Street, K Street from 16th to 18th Street, Canal Street from 16th to 18th Street, M Street from 16th to 20th Street and N Street from 16th to 18th Street.

10.44.040 Obedience to Traffic Control Devices.

The operator of any bicycle shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device placed in accordance with this Chapter unless otherwise directed by a police officer or other authorized person.

10.44.050 Speed.

No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing and in no event at a speed greater than the prima facie speed limit applicable to motor vehicles.

10.44.060 Emerging from Alley or Driveway.

The operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway, or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, yield

the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on said sidewalks or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on said roadway.

10.44.070 Riding on Sidewalks.

Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian. At the intersection of two or more sidewalks, where the vision of the operator of a bicycle is so restricted by hedges, bushes, buildings, or any other obstruction so that the approach of a pedestrian cannot be observed and there is danger of a collision with the pedestrian, the operator of a bicycle shall dismount and walk through the intersection of the sidewalks.

10.44.080 Parking.

No person shall park a bicycle upon any public street, sidewalk, bicycle lane, or bicycle path in such a way that it impedes pedestrian traffic.

10.44.090 – Violation – Penalty.

Every person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. In addition to the penalties provided by Chapter 1.08, the court may impound and retain possession of any such bicycle, the subject of such violation, and may retain possession thereof until the registration provided for in this chapter has been obtained by the person required so to do.

10.44.100 Report – Secondhand Dealer.

Persons engaged in the business of buying secondhand bicycles are required to make a report to the Chief of

Police within one week of purchase of a secondhand bicycle specifying:

- A. The name and address of the person from whom each bicycle is purchased;
- B. The description of each bicycle purchased;
- C. The frame number thereof; and,
- D. The number of the license plate, tag or sticker found thereon, if any.”

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. PUBLICATION. The City Clerk is directed to cause a summary of this Ordinance to be published in the official newspaper at least once within fifteen (15) days after its adoption showing the vote thereon.

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The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Merced on the 6th day of August, 2018, and was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 20th day of August, 2018, by the following called vote:

AYES:6 Council Members: BELLUOMINI, MARTINEZ, MCLEOD,
MURPHY, PEDROZO, SERRATTO

NOES:0 Council Members: NONE

ABSTAIN:0 Council Members: NONE


ABSENT:1 Council Members: BLAKE

APPROVED:



Mayor

ATTEST:
STEVE CARRIGAN, CITY CLERK

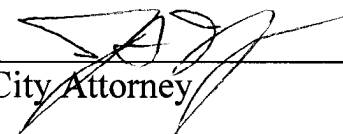
BY: 

Assistant/Deputy City Clerk



(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

8-15-2018

Date