SAFE CYCLING
Bicycle Regulations

• Walk your bike in Dismount Zones.
• Bicyclists are required to stop at traffic lights and stop signs.
• Ride your bicycle at night with front and rear lights.
• Use hand signals and make eye contact with motorists.
• Ride on the right-hand side of the road with the flow of traffic and don’t ride the wrong way on a one-way street.
• Take safety seriously and wear a helmet.

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Safe Cycling

You don’t have to be on campus very long to realize we have A LOT of bicyclists here at Colorado State University. Bicycling is a clean, quiet, healthy way to get around campus. A bicycle is also relatively inexpensive and much easier to park close to your next class than a car. General guideline: If you shouldn’t do it in a car, you shouldn’t do it on a bike.

Bikes are everywhere – an average of 15,000 are on campus every day! But more bikes on campus means more thefts and more accidents. You need to keep in mind the precautions necessary to protect your bike, yourself, and others.

The basics for safe cycling on campus are on pages 1-3, but for more comprehensive information, we recommend that you refer to the complete Colorado State University Bicycle Regulations beginning on page 4.

If, after reading this brochure, you still have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please call the University police department at 491-7695.
Register Your Bike

University regulations require that all University staff, students, and faculty register their bicycles with the University police department. The registration fee is good for as long as the bike registration sticker is readable. For complete registration information, see section III on page 7.

Lock Your Bike Properly with a Good Lock

An average of four bikes per week are reported missing to CSUPD. To prevent theft, we recommend using a good cable lock in conjunction with a U-shaped lock. If you use a cable lock, put the cable through the front wheel, rear wheel, and frame. The best locking practice includes locking the frame of the bicycle to the rack with a U-lock. Always lock your bike to a non-moveable structure.

Park Properly

Bikes must be parked in bike racks where provided. Bicycles may not be locked to trees, plants, signs, railings, fences, posts, hydrants, or buildings. Where no racks are available, the bicycle may not be parked where it obstructs:

- handicap ramps
- walkways
- streets or drives
- building entrances
- motor vehicle parking
- grounds maintenance operations

Bicycles may not be parked inside any building on campus. Residence halls may be an exception, but you must have prior clearance from residence hall staff. Bicycles parked in violation of the these regulations may be impounded. For a complete listing of parking regulations, see section V on page 9.

Moving Regulations

Did you know that all traffic laws apply to bicyclists as well as motorists? Cyclists have all of the rights and responsibilities on the road that motorists have. They can be charged with careless driving, driving under the influence, eluding police, and so on. They must obey traffic lights, ride with hands on the handlebars, make complete stops at stop signs, and obey the speed limit. For a listing of moving regulations, see section IV on page 7.
Dismount Zones

For your safety and the safety of others, you must dismount bicycles, roller blades, hover boards, and skateboards in designated dismount zones. In other words, these areas are walk zones only! Dismount hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays unless otherwise posted. Failure to dismount will result in a violation notice being issued. Other dismount zones may be designated as our campus changes.

Roller Blades and Skateboards

Some of these regulations apply to roller bladers and boarders as well (i.e., dismount zones and yielding right-of-way). Roller blades, skates, hover boards, and skateboards may not be used inside buildings or where posting prohibits them. Performing tricks, jumps, or other maneuvers other than for transportation are not permitted.

Violations and Fines

If an accident results because of a safety violation, a violator’s fine may be doubled. Skaters and boarders are included. For a listing of the most common Violations/Fines/Fees, see section VI on page 11.
Dismount Zones on Main Campus
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
BICYCLE REGULATIONS

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. BICYCLE EDUCATION and ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (BEEP)

The purpose of BEEP is to educate bicyclists and enforce rules and regulations pertaining to the operation of bicycles and boards on campus. The goal of the program is to provide a safe traffic environment so that all modes of transportation can coexist.

BEEP is a unit of the Colorado State University Police Department (CSUPD). Administration of the program is the responsibility of the BEEP Coordinator who is assigned by the Chief of Police. Enforcement is the responsibility of Patrol supervisors via the commander of the Patrol Division.

1. Education – is achieved through events, brochures, media releases, personal contact at bicycle licensing sessions and enforcement warning periods, and a bicycle safety seminar hosted by the League of American Bicyclists, among other efforts.

2. Enforcement – includes targeting specific violations and/or locations as recommended by the BEEP Coordinator based on violation trends, complaints, accidents, circulation patterns, road and weather conditions, and other factors.

The BEEP Coordinator, with the knowledge and approval of the Chief of Police, has discretionary authority to establish police department policies and procedures consistent with the purpose and goals of the program.

B. SCOPE OF REGULATIONS

Colorado State Bicycle Regulations supplement all state laws (herein referred to as CRS), the City of Fort Collins Traffic Code, and all applicable City ordinances.

These Bicycle Regulations are in effect at all times and apply to all persons while on the Colorado State campus. Visitors are subject to citations that may result in an appearance before a state or municipal judge. Faculty, staff, and students are subject to University violation notices that may result in an appearance before a Judicial Affairs officer and/or a Bicycle Regulations Appeals Board.
C. GRANTING AUTHORITY

Colorado Revised Statute (CRS) 23-5-106 gives the governing board of any state institution of higher education the authority to promulgate rules and regulations for the safety and welfare of students, employees, and property.

CRS 23-5-107 gives the governing board of any state institution of higher education the authority to promulgate rules and regulations providing for the operation and parking of vehicles upon the grounds, driveways, or roadways within the property under the control of the governing board.

Colorado State Bicycle Regulations are approved by the State Board of Agriculture in accordance with the authority granted by these statutes.

II. DEFINITIONS

A. Bicycle = every vehicle propelled solely by human power applied to pedals upon which any person may ride having two tandem wheels or two parallel wheels and one forward wheel, all of which are more than fourteen inches in diameter.

B. Bicycle License = the uniquely numbered adhesive sticker purchased from the University police department and supplied as evidence of bicycle registration.

C. Bicycle Path/Route = a separate path, trail, or portion of a sidewalk completely separated from the roadway, used primarily for bicycles. (Note: This is where skateboards are allowed, NOT in bike lanes or roadway.)

D. Bicycle Violation Notice = the printed form completed by the police officer (or police department employee) that serves notice and information to a person alleged to have committed a violation of these Bicycle Regulations.

E. Bike Lane = portion of a roadway or shoulder designated for preferential or exclusive use by bicyclists. It is distinguished from the portion of the roadway for motor vehicle traffic by a paint stripe, curb, or other devices. (Note: Skateboards are not allowed in bike lanes or roadway.)

F. Calendar Day = sequential days in a calendar, including weekends and holidays.

G. Dismount Zone = all areas of the University posted for no bicycle riding and marked with ground graphics and/or “Dismount” signs. All Dismount Zones apply to skateboards, hover boards, roller skates, and roller blades as well.

1. Dismount is defined as “walking beside the bicycle with both feet off the pedals at the same time.”

2. Dismount is defined as “carrying the board by hand or bag.”
H. **Low-Power Scooter** = self-propelled vehicle designed primarily for use on the roadways with not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, no manual clutch, and either an internal combustion engine not exceeding 50cc or an electric engine not exceeding 4,476 watts. Excludes for the definition toy vehicles, electrical assisted bicycles, wheelchairs, or any device designed to assist mobility impaired people who use pedestrian rights-of-way.

I. **Electrical-Assisted Bicycle** = a vehicle having two tandem wheels or two parallel wheels and one forward wheel, fully operable pedals, and electric motor not exceeding 750 watts, and a top power-assisted speed of twenty miles per hour.

J. **Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device or EPAMD** = a self-balancing, non-tandem two-wheeled device, designed to transport only one person, that is powered solely by an electric propulsion system producing an average power output of no more than 750 watts. This includes Segways and hover boards.

K. **Off-Highway Vehicle** = any self-propelled vehicle that is designed to travel on wheels or tracks in contact with the ground that is designed primarily for use off of the public highways, and that is generally and commonly used to transport person for recreational purposes.

L. **Pedestrian** = any person afoot or any person with mobility impairment who may need a mechanical device for transportation.

M. **Police Bicycle** = a bicycle with special equipment operated by a police officer and which may be exempt from parking and moving regulations.

N. **Road** = any highway.

O. **Roadway** = that portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the sidewalk, berm, or shoulder even though such sidewalk, berm, or shoulder is used by persons riding bicycles, or other human-powered vehicles, or pedestrians. In the event that a highway includes two or more separate roadways, “roadway” refers to any such roadway separately but not to all such roadways collectively.

P. **Sidewalk** = a pathway constructed primarily for use by pedestrians.

Q. **Skateboard** = any device consisting of a footrest mounted on wheels less than fourteen inches (14”) in diameter, upon which a person may ride, that is propelled solely by human power. This includes roller skates, in-line skates (roller blades), and non-motorized scooters. These devices are not vehicles. They are considered toys by CRS (42-4-109 (Sub.¶9)).

R. **Visitor** = all persons not classified as faculty, staff, or students of Colorado State University.
S. *Board(er)s* = refers to both skateboard users and hover board users.

III. BICYCLE REGISTRATION

A. REGISTRATION REQUIRED

All bicycles *ridden* or *parked* on the Colorado State campus must be registered with the CSUPD. An exception will be made for bicyclists who are *visitors* to campus. The registration decal will also be known as a bicycle license, which is valid for as long as the license is readable.

B. COST

The cost of registration is $10.00. The cost is subject to change following approval of the Board of Governors of the CSU System.

C. TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION

Registrations are not transferable, and the new owner must register the bicycle under his or her name. The new (or previous) owner must also ensure that an old bicycle license has been removed when possession of the bicycle has changed. Only one CSU bike license can be affixed to any bicycle at one time.

If a bicycle is stolen, lost, or destroyed, the owner should notify CSUPD so that a notation can be made on the registration form.

If the bicycle is stolen, it is highly recommended that the owner make a police report.

D. REGISTRATION FORM

The registration form provided by CSUPD should be completed with all information requested. The serial number of the bicycle must be recorded. If the bicycle does not have a serial number, it is the responsibility of the registrant to select a unique number and have it inscribed on the frame. A Colorado State I.D. number is recommended. CSUPD can provide a free serial number engraving service at the time of registration.

E. LICENSE ATTACHMENT

The license decal is supplied with an adhesive backing to be attached to the main frame on the bicycle at the top of the down tube. The license is to be affixed so that it is clearly visible.

IV. MOVING REGULATIONS

A. MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC LAWS APPLY

Every person riding a bicycle is required to obey the same applicable traffic regulations as the driver of an automobile, including those set aside specifically for bicycles. Bicyclists and boarders are also required to obey all traffic control devices specific to this campus.
B. PEDESTRIAN RIGHT-OF-WAY

1. Pedestrians have the right-of-way on all sidewalks and crosswalks.
2. Bicyclists and boarders must give an audible signal before overtaking a pedestrian. An audible signal can be a bell, horn, or voice – anything to alert a pedestrian of an approaching bicycle or skateboard and the direction they are going.

C. SPEED LIMITS

Bicyclists will obey the posted speed limits of 20 miles per hour on campus streets and 10 miles per hour in parking lots. When riding on a bicycle path or other area shared with pedestrians, a bicyclist or boarder will not exceed a speed that is reasonable and prudent with respect to visibility, traffic, weather, and surface conditions, but in any case will be less than the speed allowed on campus streets and parking lots.

D. RIDING PROHIBITED

Bicyclists will use roadways, bicycle lanes, and other maintained pathways unless otherwise posted. Boarders may use sidewalks and other maintained pathways unless otherwise posted. Bicyclists and boarders will not infringe, or perform tricks, upon benches, stairs, or other architectural components, landscaped areas, or any areas that are under cultivation. See Definitions beginning on page 5.

Bicyclists will not ride on those sidewalks that are adjacent to streets, unless posted otherwise. Other sidewalks may be used providing that bicyclists yield right-of-way to pedestrians. Bicyclists and boarders will dismount on any sidewalk where riding is impractical due to heavy pedestrian use or other conflict.

Per University policy, boards, roller blades, or scooters may not be used inside buildings or in posted areas of the campus. Police officers or other University officials may impound a board to determine identity of the user and/or to facilitate contact with a parent in the case of a juvenile violator.

E. RIDING AT NIGHT

When riding at night (30 minutes after sunset, continuing to 30 minutes prior to sunrise), anywhere on campus, bicycles will be equipped with a light that is visible for a distance of 500 feet to the front and a reflector that is visible from 600 feet to the rear in the lower beams of an approaching car.
F. POLICE BICYCLES

A police bicycle may be used to respond to emergencies or pursue violators. In those circumstances, officers are exempt from the provisions set forth in these regulations except that they must use due regard for the safety of others (consistent with CRS 42-4-106) and give audible signals to alert others while exercising these privileges when appropriate.

V. PARKING REGULATIONS

A. PARKING PERMITTED

Bicycles will be parked only at bicycle racks, bicycle garages, or other approved bicycle parking areas unless they are stored within the residence of the owner or authorized user. In order to promote security, bicycles should be locked to the rack. Any locking device left attached to a bike rack can be removed by CSUPD.

Bicycle racks are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration of a bicycle does not guarantee a space in a bicycle rack.

Police bicycles may be parked in violation of regulations to allow officers quick response to calls/circumstances.

B. PARKING PROHIBITED

Bicycles will not be parked in any University building unless authorized.

The following areas are not to be used for bicycle parking: landscaped areas or areas under cultivation, service driveways, building entrances, driveways, bikeways, walkways, ramps, or any other passageway to which emergency equipment, wheelchairs, pedestrians, or service equipment may need access.

The following objects are not to be used for bicycle parking: trees, plants, signs, fences, railings, posts, fire hydrants, trash receptacles, buildings, or other objects either living or artificial other than bicycle racks or bike garages.

C. ABANDONMENT

A bicycle will be considered abandoned if it has not been moved after seven (7) days and will be subject to impoundment.

D. IMPOUNDMENT/SAFEKEEPING

Violations of Colorado State bicycle regulations that create a special need for very prompt action, such as violations involving a danger to life, health, or safety, may also result in the safekeeping/impoundment of the offending bicycle.
1. When a bicycle is abandoned, found, or in violation of Colorado State bicycle regulations, any University police officer, or other person authorized by the Chief of Police, may remove the lock or securing mechanism, if necessary, and impound or provide safe-keeping of the bicycle. Whenever practical, a bicycle that is in violation of a Colorado State bicycle regulation will be “field impounded” (locked to a rack at the location).

2. CSUPD will use reasonable efforts to contact the owner of any impounded bicycle by notice to the registered owner of the bicycle as shown by the CSUPD registration records.

The impoundment of a bicycle, and any resulting fines or fees, may be appealed using the procedures set forth in section VII (C) 3 of these regulations for the handling of a Bicycle Violation Notice. Any such appeal shall address the question of whether the underlying violation on which the impoundment was based created a special need for very prompt action. Such an appeal may address, in addition to the impoundment of the bicycle, the underlying violation on which the impoundment was based. If it is determined that the impoundment was not warranted by the underlying violation (because it did not create a special need for very prompt action as set forth above), the costs of storage shall be waived.

E. LIABILITY/TAMPERING

The University will not be liable to the owner of the bicycle or owner of the lock/securing mechanism for the cost of repair or replacement of any property caused as a result of safekeeping/impoundment. Tampering with a bicycle (and/or police department lock) that has been impounded may subject the owner or other person to additional sanctions, including criminal charges.

F. RELEASE

The release of a impounded bicycle requires a person to:

1. provide proof of ownership,
2. pay impound fees (see FINES/FEES [paragraph VI]),
3. pay any outstanding violation notices, and
4. register the bicycle (if necessary).

Impounded bicycles will be held for a minimum of 90 days before being sent to Surplus Property for disposal at auction. A reasonable attempt will be made to contact the owner during this time. Severely damaged or inoperable bicycles may be disposed of after 30 days.
VI. VIOLATIONS/FINES/FEES

Violation of any Colorado State bicycle regulation may result in the issuance of a University Bicycle Violation Notice to the owner and/or operator of a bicycle or board on the Colorado State campus.

A. SAFETY VIOLATIONS

The following actions are considered to be safety violations and subject the violator to a $35.00 fine:

- No hands on handlebars
- Riding in a Dismount Zone
- Failure to obey traffic control device (to wit: STOP – Do Not Enter)
- Riding the wrong way on a one-way street or zone
- Riding without lighting equipment
- Riding double (on a single-seat bicycle)
- Failure to yield right-of-way
- Failure to signal
- Clinging to moving vehicle
- Riding on/in a landscaped area
- Riding on a sidewalk as described in section IV (D).

Other moving violations, as defined by CRS and MTC, are considered safety violations as well and may be cited by the officer.

More than one safety (and/or parking) violation can be cited on the same Bicycle Violation Notice.

B. ACCIDENTS

All traffic accidents involving a bicycle are subject to a police investigation if required by law. Bicyclists may be subject to a county or municipal summons in these cases. In those cases in which a formal investigation is not required and the accident is a result of a safety violation, the fine will be doubled for that violation only.

C. PARKING VIOLATIONS

The following actions are considered to be parking violations and subject the violator to an $25.00 fine:

1. Operating or parking without a required license
2. Parking in a University building or other No Parking area as described in paragraph V (B).
D. OTHER VIOLATIONS
1. Attaching bicycle to a handicap ramp/accessway – $50.00
2. Providing false information/identification – $75.00
3. Disobeying a police officer or a campus safety officer – $75.00

E. OTHER SANCTIONS
In addition to the issuance of a Bicycle Violation Notice, violators may also be referred for appropriate University discipline within their constituency groups for repeated violations, personal conduct, or other issues of concern.

F. OTHER FEES
1. Impounded bikes – $25.00
2. Lock cuts – $10.00

G. FINE/FEE SCHEDULES
Fines for violations of bicycle regulations were established and approved August 1, 1993. Changes to the fine schedule can be requested of the Board of Governors of the CSU System via recommendations of the BEEP Supervisor and the Chief of Police.

Fees for police department services are set by the BEEP Supervisor and the Chief of Police. Fee schedules are reviewed by the Board of Governors of the CSU System. Impound fees include storage charges and a fee for removing a lock or securing mechanism.

VII. HANDLING A VIOLATION NOTICE

A. PAYMENT
The fine can be paid within 14 calendar days of the issuance of the notice.

B. APPEAL PROCESS
The Bicycle Violation Notice may be appealed by:

1. A written appeal must be filed to the BEEP Coordinator within 14 calendar days of issuance of the Bicycle Violation Notice. Initiation of an appeal stays the penalty until a ruling is made. An Appeals Board will consider the written appeal and information on the notice, including written comments by the officer, and make a decision to uphold the charge or dismiss the notice.

Written appeals will be considered during the next scheduled appeals session. The person appealing will be notified of the decision by mail.
2. Impoundment Appeals – Impoundment appeals are handled in the same manner as Bicycle Violation Notice appeals. A bicycle owner may make a written appeal to recover any fees that were charged as a result of his or her bicycle being impounded. To be able to file an appeal, fees and fines must be paid prior to the bicycle being released.

3. Hearing Fees – A hearing fee of up to $15.00 per Bicycle Violation will be assessed for violations that are upheld in the hearing process.

4. Closure – The hearing referee’s decision on appeals is final and not subject to additional administrative appeal.

C. SAFETY SEMINAR

If the violation is a safety violation the person has the option of attending a bicycle safety seminar. Persons passing the seminar with a satisfactory grade of 70% or higher will have their fine reduced by half. If the person signs up for a seminar, but fails to attend, the original fine will be doubled. Only one seminar can be attended per person while at CSU, for violations cited on one notice.

D. ADDITIONAL SANCTIONS

If the fine is not paid, an appeal filed, or the person fails to sign up for a safety seminar within 14 calendar days of issuance of a Bicycle Violation Notice, the fine will double. Delinquent faculty and staff fines will be deducted from the employee’s paychecks. Delinquent student fines will be sent to Accounts Receivable for collection and/or may subject the student to denial of registration, transcripts, and diplomas.
Letter from Police Chief

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

Bicycling is a viable mode of alternative transportation and one that many individuals use daily to commute to campus. Studies have shown that there are more than 15,000 bikes on campus per day at Colorado State University. Please be considerate of vehicles and pedestrians as you travel the streets of Fort Collins and the University. Obeying the bicycle laws will make everyone’s travel much safer. Courtesy, safe riding, using safety equipment, registering your bike, and locking it in a rack will keep you healthy and your bike safe. Enjoy the experience of bicycling and be safe!

Sincerely,

Chief of Police
Colorado State University