

ORDINANCE NO. 243-B

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND WESTLAND CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE II
OF CHAPTER 26, BY ADDING DIVISION 3,
ENTITLED BICYCLE OPERATIONS & SAFETY**

DIVISION 3. – BICYCLE SAFETY & OPERATIONS

Sec. 26-80. – Minimum distance when overtaking or passing a bicycle.

- (a) When overtaking or passing a person operating a bicycle proceeding in the same direction, the driver of a motor vehicle shall exercise due care and may only overtake or pass a bicyclist when there is a safe distance, which shall minimally require allowing the bicyclist at least five feet separation between the right side of the driver's vehicle, including all mirrors or other projections, and the left side of the bicyclist at all times; except if oncoming traffic prevents that and then at least three feet separation must be maintained.
- (b) A person who violates this rule is responsible for a civil infraction.

Sec. 26-81. – Bicycle paths, vehicles prohibited.

- (a) A person shall not operate a vehicle on or across a bicycle path, except to enter or leave adjacent property or as otherwise permitted in this rule.
- (b) Electric bicycles equipped with electric and gas powered motors are prohibited from using a bike lane.
- (c) Vehicles needing to turn must turn from the travel lane and not from the bicycle lane.
- (d) A person shall not park a vehicle on a bicycle path.
- (e) A person who violates this rule is guilty of a 90-day, \$500 fine misdemeanor.

Sec. 26-82. – Bicycles, illumination.

- (a) A bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric skateboard, or commercial quadricycle being operated on a roadway between after sunset and before sunrise shall be equipped with a lamp on the front that emits a white light and with a red reflector or red light on the rear.
- (b) A person who violates this rule is responsible for a civil infraction.

Sec. 26-83. – Bicyclists, signaling turns.

- (a) The operator of bicycle within a roadway, before stopping or turning shall give a signal as required in this section.
- (b) A signal required under this section shall be given either by means of the hand and arm in the manner consistent with the bicycles anticipated movement; or by a mechanical or electrical signal device that conveys an intelligible signal or warning to other highway traffic.
- (c) A person who violates this rule is responsible for a civil infraction.

Sec. 26-84. – Bicycle operation on street

- (a) A person operating a bicycle upon a street at less than the existing speed of traffic shall ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway except as follows:
 - 1) When riding in a designated bike lane.

- 2) When overtaking and passing another bicycle or any other vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
 - 3) When preparing to turn left.
 - 4) When conditions make the right-hand edge of the roadway unsafe or reasonably unusable by bicycles, including, but not limited to, surface hazards, an uneven roadway surface, drain openings, debris, parked or moving vehicles or bicycles, pedestrians, animals, or other obstacles, or if the lane is too narrow to permit a vehicle to safely overtake and pass a bicycle
 - 5) When operating a bicycle in a lane in which the traffic is turning right but the individual intends to go straight through the intersection.
 - 6) When operating a bicycle upon a 1-way highway or street that has 2 or more marked traffic lanes, in which case the individual may ride as near the left-hand curb or edge of that roadway as practicable.
- (b) Two or more individuals operating bicycles upon a highway or street shall not ride more than 2 abreast except upon a path or portion of the highway or street set aside for the use of bicycles.
- (c) Bicyclists must travel in the same direction as traffic when riding on a public road.

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