

**APPENDIX B
CODE OF ORDINANCE REVIEW**



CODE OF ORDINANCES

NEVADA REVISED STATUTES

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Pedestrians

NRS 484B.280 Duties of driver of motor vehicle to pedestrian. A driver of a motor vehicle shall:

1. Exercise due care to avoid a collision with a pedestrian;
2. Give an audible warning with the horn of the vehicle if appropriate and when necessary to avoid such a collision; and
3. Exercise proper caution upon observing a pedestrian on or near a highway, street or road or in or near a school crossing zone marked in accordance with [NRS 484B.363](#) or a marked or unmarked crosswalk.

(Added to NRS by 1997, 739)—(Substituted in revision for NRS 484.3245)

NRS 484B.283 Right-of-way in crosswalk; impeding ability of driver to yield prohibited; overtaking vehicle at crosswalk; obedience to signals and other devices for control of traffic. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 484B.287, 484B.290 and 484B.350:

1. When official traffic-control devices are not in place or not in operation the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be so to yield, to a pedestrian crossing the highway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the highway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the highway as to be in danger.
2. A pedestrian shall not suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.
3. Whenever a vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle until the driver has determined that the vehicle being overtaken was not stopped for the purpose of permitting a pedestrian to cross the highway.
4. Whenever signals exhibiting the words "Walk" or "Don't Walk" are in place, such signals indicate as follows:
 - a. While the "Walk" indication is illuminated, pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the highway in the direction of the signal and must be given the right-of-way by the drivers of all vehicles.

- b. While the “Don’t Walk” indication is illuminated, either steady or flashing, a pedestrian shall not start to cross the highway in the direction of the signal, but any pedestrian who has partially completed the crossing during the “Walk” indication shall proceed to a sidewalk, or to a safety zone if one is provided.
- c. Whenever the word “Wait” still appears in a signal, the indication has the same meaning as assigned in this section to the “Don’t Walk” indication.
- d. Whenever a signal system provides a signal phase for the stopping of all vehicular traffic and the exclusive movement of pedestrians, and “Walk” and “Don’t Walk” indications control pedestrian movement, pedestrians may cross in any direction between corners of the intersection offering the shortest route within the boundaries of the intersection when the “Walk” indication is exhibited, and when signals and other official traffic-control devices direct pedestrian movement in the manner provided in this section and in [NRS 484B.307](#).

(Added to NRS by 1969, 1492; A 1981, 669, 1918; [2003, 364](#))—(Substituted in revision for NRS 484.325)

NRS 484B.287 When pedestrian must yield right-of-way to vehicle; when crossing at crosswalk is required; crossing diagonally. Except as provided in NRS 484B.290:

1. Every pedestrian crossing a highway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the highway.
2. Any pedestrian crossing a highway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the highway.
3. Between adjacent intersections at which official traffic-control devices are in operation pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.
4. A pedestrian shall not cross an intersection diagonally unless authorized by official traffic-control devices.
5. When authorized to cross diagonally, pedestrians shall cross only in accordance with the official traffic-control devices pertaining to such crossing movements.

(Added to NRS by 1969, 1493; A 1981, 670, 1919)—(Substituted in revision for NRS 484.327)

NRS 484B.290 Right-of-way of person who is blind; penalty.

1. A person who is blind and who is on foot and using a service animal or carrying a cane or walking stick white in color, or white tipped with red, has the right-of-way when entering or when on a highway, street or road of this State. Any driver of a vehicle who approaches or encounters such a person shall yield the right-of-way, come to a full stop, if necessary, and take precautions before proceeding to avoid accident or injury to the person.

2. Any person who violates subsection 1 shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months or by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, or by both fine and imprisonment.

(Added to NRS by 1981, 669; A 1995, 1993; [2005, 631](#))—(Substituted in revision for NRS 484.328)

NRS 484B.293 Direction of movement on crosswalk. Pedestrians shall move whenever practicable upon the right half of crosswalks.

(Added to NRS by 1969, 1493)—(Substituted in revision for NRS 484.329)

NRS 484B.297 Walking along and upon highways; solicitation of ride, business or contribution from driver or occupant of vehicle prohibited in certain circumstances; intoxicated pedestrian prohibited within traveled portion of highway; applicability to riders of animals; penalty.

1. Where sidewalks are provided, it is unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent highway.
2. Pedestrians walking along highways where sidewalks are not provided shall walk on the left side of those highways facing the approaching traffic.
3. A person shall not stand in a highway to solicit a ride or any business from the driver or any occupant of a vehicle. A person shall not, without a permit issued pursuant to [NRS 244.3555](#) or [268.423](#), solicit any contribution from the driver or any occupant of a vehicle.
4. It is unlawful for any pedestrian who is under the influence of intoxicating liquors or any narcotic or stupefying drug to be within the traveled portion of any highway.
5. The provisions of this section apply to riders of animals, except that the provisions of subsections 1, 2 and 3 do not apply to a peace officer who rides an animal while performing his or her duties as a peace officer.
6. A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Added to NRS by 1969, 1493; A 1991, 143; [2001, 997](#))—(Substituted in revision for NRS 484.331)

Operation of Bicycles, Electric Bicycles and Vehicles for Play

NRS 484B.760 Penalty for violation of provisions; responsibility of parent of child or guardian of ward; applicability of provisions to bicycles and electric bicycles.

1. It is a misdemeanor for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required in [NRS 484B.768](#) to [484B.783](#), inclusive.
2. The parent of any child and the guardian of any ward shall not authorize or knowingly permit the child or ward to violate any of the provisions of [chapters 484A](#) to [484E](#), inclusive, of NRS.
3. The provisions applicable to bicycles and electric bicycles apply whenever a bicycle or an electric bicycle is operated upon any highway or upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles or electric bicycles subject to those exceptions stated herein.

(Added to NRS by 1957, 505; A [2009, 113, 399](#))—(Substituted in revision for NRS 484.501)

NRS 484B.763 Application of traffic laws to person riding bicycle or electric bicycle. Every person riding a bicycle or an electric bicycle upon a roadway has all of the rights and is subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle except as otherwise provided in NRS 484B.767 to 484B.783, inclusive, and except as to those provisions of chapters 484A to 484E, inclusive, of NRS which by their nature can have no application.

(Added to NRS by 1957, 504; A 1997, 1728; 2009, 113, 399)—(Substituted in revision for NRS 484.503)

NRS 484B.767 Certain persons operating bicycle or electric bicycle while on duty not required to comply with laws in certain circumstances.

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a peace officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician certified pursuant to [chapter 450B](#) of NRS or an employee of a pedestrian mall, who operates a bicycle or an electric bicycle while on duty, is not required to comply with any provision of NRS or any ordinance of a local government relating to the operation of a bicycle or an electric bicycle while on duty if he or she:
 - a. Is responding to an emergency call or the peace officer is in pursuit of a suspected violator of the law; or
 - b. Determines that noncompliance with any such provision is necessary to carry out his or her duties.
2. The provisions of this section do not:
 - a. Relieve a peace officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician or employee of a pedestrian mall from the duty to operate a bicycle or an electric bicycle with due regard for the safety of others.

- b. Protect such a person from the consequences of the person's disregard for the safety of others.
- 3. As used in this section, "pedestrian mall" has the meaning ascribed to it in [NRS 268.811](#).

(Added to NRS by 1997, 1728; A [2005, 315](#); [2009, 399](#))—(Substituted in revision for NRS 484.504)

NRS 484B.768 Required action of operator of bicycle or electric bicycle when turning from direct course; when signal not required.

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, an operator of a bicycle or an electric bicycle upon a roadway shall not turn from a direct course unless the movement may be made with reasonable safety and the operator gives an appropriate signal. The operator shall give the appropriate signal at least one time but is not required to give the signal continuously.
- 2. An operator of a bicycle or an electric bicycle is not required to give a signal if:
 - a. The bicycle or electric bicycle is in a designated turn lane; or
 - b. Safe operation of the bicycle or electric bicycle requires the operator to keep both hands on the bicycle or electric bicycle.

(Added to NRS by [2009, 112](#))

NRS 484B.769 Signals required to be given by operator of bicycle or electric bicycle on roadway. An operator of a bicycle or an electric bicycle upon a roadway shall give all signals by hand and arm in the manner required by NRS 484B.420, except that the operator may give a signal for a right turn by extending his or her right hand and arm horizontally and to the right side of the bicycle or electric bicycle.

(Added to NRS by 2009, 113)

NRS 484B.770 Where bicycles or electric bicycles may be ridden; limitation on number of persons carried on bicycle or electric bicycle.

- 1. A person propelling a bicycle or an electric bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.
- 2. No bicycle or electric bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

(Added to NRS by 1957, 504; A [2009, 399](#))—(Substituted in revision for NRS 484.505)

NRS 484B.773 Attaching to vehicle upon roadway prohibited. No person riding upon any bicycle, electric bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled or toy vehicle shall attach the same or himself or herself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

(Added to NRS by 1957, 504; A [2009, 399](#))—(Substituted in revision for NRS 484.507)

NRS 484B.777 Operating bicycle or electric bicycle on roadway.

1. Every person operating a bicycle or an electric bicycle upon a roadway shall, except:
 - a. When traveling at a lawful rate of speed commensurate with the speed of any nearby traffic;
 - b. When preparing to turn left; orWhen doing so would not be safe, ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.
2. Persons riding bicycles or electric bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles or electric bicycles.

(Added to NRS by 1957, 504; A 1991, 2229; [2009, 400](#))—(Substituted in revision for NRS 484.509)

NRS 484B.780 Carrying articles on bicycle or electric bicycle. No person operating a bicycle or an electric bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the handle bars.

(Added to NRS by 1957, 505; A [2009, 400](#))—(Substituted in revision for NRS 484.511)

NRS 484B.783 Lamps, reflectors and brakes required on bicycles and electric bicycles.

1. Every bicycle or electric bicycle when in use at night must be equipped with:
 - a. A lamp on the front which emits a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front;
 - b. A red reflector on the rear of a type approved by the Department which must be visible from 50 feet to 300 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle; and
 - c. Reflective material of a sufficient size and reflectivity to be visible from both sides of the bicycle for 600 feet when directly in front of the lawful lower beams of the headlamps of a motor vehicle, or in lieu of such material, a lighted lamp visible from both sides from a distance of at least 500 feet.
2. Every bicycle or electric bicycle must be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

(Added to NRS by 1957, 505; A 1961, 136; 1975, 30; 1985, 1464, 1952; 1991, 2229; [2009, 400](#))—(Substituted in revision for NRS 484.513)

SUMMARY OF LOCAL BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ORDINANCES

Jurisdiction ¹	Existing Bicycle & Pedestrian Related Ordinances	Recommended Ordinance/Notes
PEDESTRIANS		
Ordinance Theme: Subject to Traffic Control Signals		
City of Reno	Pedestrians shall be subject to traffic-control signals as heretofore declared in Chapter 6.06, but at all other places pedestrians shall be granted those rights and be subject to the restrictions stated in this title.	Pedestrians are subject to traffic control signals as provided in Chapter X (insert corresponding chapter number) of this title.
City of Sparks	Pedestrians are subject to traffic control signals as provided in Chapter 10.20 of this title.	
Washoe County	None.	
Ordinance Theme: Right-of Way in Crosswalks		
City of Reno	Except as provided in section 6.06.365, when official traffic-control devices are not in place or not in operation the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be so to yield, to a pedestrian crossing the highway within a crosswalk' when the pedestrian is upon the half of the highway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the highway as to be in danger.	Consistent: No Change Recommended
City of Sparks	When traffic control signals are not in place or not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger. This subsection does not apply under the conditions provided in subsection B of Section 10.32.050.	
Washoe County	Except as provided in section 70.255, when official traffic-control devices are not in place or not in operation the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way, slowing down or stopping if need be so to yield, to a pedestrian crossing the highway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the highway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the highway as to be in danger.	
City of Reno	No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.	Consistent: No Change Recommended
City of Sparks	No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield. (Note: This is included in Section 10.32.050 When pedestrian shall yield.)	
Washoe County	No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.	

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Jurisdiction ¹	Existing Bicycle & Pedestrian Related Ordinances	Recommended Ordinance/Notes
City of Reno	Whenever a vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle until such driver has determined that the vehicle being overtaken was not stopped for the purpose of permitting a pedestrian to cross the highway.	<p>Whenever a vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle until such driver has determined that the vehicle being overtaken was not stopped for the purpose of permitting a pedestrian to cross the highway.</p> <p>Whenever signals exhibiting the words "Walk" or "Don't walk" are in place, such signals shall indicate as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(1)</p> <p>While the "Walk" indication is illuminated, pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the highway in the direction of the signal and shall be given the right-of-way by the drivers of all vehicles.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(2)</p> <p>While the "Don't walk" indication is illuminated, either steady or flashing, a pedestrian shall not start to cross the highway in the direction of the signal, but any pedestrian who has partially completed his crossing during the "Walk" indication shall proceed to a sidewalk, or to a safety zone if one is provided.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(3)</p> <p>Whenever the word "Wait" still appears in a signal, such indication has the same meaning as assigned in this section to the "Don't walk" indication.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(4)</p> <p>Whenever a signal systems provides a signal phase for the stopping of all vehicular traffic and the exclusive movement of pedestrians, and "Walk" and "Don't walk" indications control such pedestrian movement, pedestrians may cross in any direction between corners of the intersection offering the shortest route within the boundaries of the intersection when the "Walk" indication is exhibited, and when signals and other official traffic control devices direct pedestrian movement in such manner as provided in this section and in section 6.06.075.</p> <p>Whenever the word "Wait" still appears in a signal, such indication has the same meaning as assigned in this section to the "Don't walk" indication.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(3)</p> <p>Whenever the word "Wait" still appears in a signal, such indication has the same meaning as assigned in this section to the "Don't walk" indication.</p>
City of Sparks	Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.	
Washoe County	Whenever a vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle until such driver has determined that the vehicle being overtaken was not stopped for the purpose of permitting a pedestrian to cross the highway.	
City of Reno	<p>Whenever signals exhibiting the words "Walk" or "Don't walk" are in place, such signals shall indicate as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(1)</p> <p>While the "Walk" indication is illuminated, pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the highway in the direction of the signal and shall be given the right-of-way by the drivers of all vehicles.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(2)</p> <p>While the "Don't walk" indication is illuminated, either steady or flashing, a pedestrian shall not start to cross the highway in the direction of the signal, but any pedestrian who has partially completed his crossing during the "Walk" indication shall proceed to a sidewalk, or to a safety zone if one is provided.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(3)</p> <p>Whenever the word "Wait" still appears in a signal, such indication has the same meaning as assigned in this section to the "Don't walk" indication.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(4)</p> <p>Whenever a signal systems provides a signal phase for the stopping of all vehicular traffic and the exclusive movement of pedestrians, and "Walk" and "Don't walk" indications control such pedestrian movement, pedestrians may cross in any direction between corners of the intersection offering the shortest route within the boundaries of the intersection when the "Walk" indication is exhibited, and when signals and other official traffic control devices direct pedestrian movement in such manner as provided in this section and in section 6.06.075.</p>	
City of Sparks	None.	

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Washoe County	<p>Whenever signals exhibiting the words "Walk" or "Don't walk" are in place, such signals shall indicate as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(1)</p> <p>While the "Walk" indication is illuminated, pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the highway in the direction of the signal and shall be given the right-of-way by the drivers of all vehicles.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(2)</p> <p>While the "Don't walk" indication is illuminated, either steady or flashing, a pedestrian shall not start to cross the highway in the direction of the signal, but any pedestrian who has partially completed his crossing during the "Walk" indication shall proceed to a sidewalk, or to a safety zone if one is provided.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(3)</p> <p>Whenever the word "Wait" still appears in a signal, such indication has the same meaning as assigned in this section to the "Don't walk" indication.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(4)</p> <p>Whenever a signal systems provides a signal phase for the stopping of all vehicular traffic and the exclusive movement of pedestrians, and "Walk" and "Don't walk" indications control such pedestrian movement, pedestrians may cross in any direction between corners of the intersection offering the shortest route within the boundaries of the intersection when the "Walk" indication is exhibited, and when signals and other official traffic control devices direct pedestrian movement in such manner as provided in this section and in section 70.230.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(4)</p> <p>Whenever a signal systems provides a signal phase for the stopping of all vehicular traffic and the exclusive movement of pedestrians, and "Walk" and "Don't walk" indications control such pedestrian movement, pedestrians may cross in any direction between corners of the intersection offering the shortest route within the boundaries of the intersection when the "Walk" indication is exhibited, and when signals and other official traffic control devices direct pedestrian movement in such manner as provided in this section and in section xxxx.</p>
Ordinance Theme: Use Right Half of Crosswalks		
City of Reno	Pedestrians shall move, whenever practicable, upon the right-half of crosswalks.	Consistent: No Change Recommended
City of Sparks	Pedestrians shall move, whenever practicable, upon the right half of crosswalks.	
Washoe County	Pedestrians shall move, whenever practicable, upon the right-half of crosswalks.	
Ordinance Theme: Crosswalks at Right Angles		
City of Reno	No pedestrian shall cross a roadway at any place other than by a route at right angles to the curb or by the shortest route to the opposite curb except in a crosswalk.	No pedestrian shall cross a roadway at any place other than by a route at right angles to the curb or by the shortest route to the opposite curb except in a crosswalk.
City of Sparks	No pedestrian shall cross a roadway at any place other than by a route at right angles to the curb or by the shortest route to the opposite curb except in a crosswalk.	
Washoe County	None.	

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Jurisdiction ¹	Existing Bicycle & Pedestrian Related Ordinances	Recommended Ordinance/Notes
Ordinance Theme: When Pedestrians Should Yield		
City of Reno	Every pedestrian crossing a highway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the highways.	Consistent: No Change Recommended
City of Sparks	Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.	
Washoe County	Every pedestrian crossing a highway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the highways.	
City of Reno	Any pedestrian crossing a highway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the highway.	Any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway unless a marked crosswalk is also present.
City of Sparks	Any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.	
Washoe County	Any pedestrian crossing a highway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the highway.	
City of Reno	Between adjacent intersections at which official traffic-control devices are in operation pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.	Between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation, pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.
City of Sparks	Between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation, pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a crosswalk.	
Washoe County	Between adjacent intersections at which official traffic-control devices are in operation pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.	
City of Reno	A pedestrian shall not cross an intersection diagonally unless authorized by official traffic-control devices	A pedestrian shall not cross an intersection diagonally unless authorized by official traffic-control devices
City of Sparks	None.	
Washoe County	A pedestrian shall not cross an intersection diagonally unless authorized by official traffic-control devices	
City of Reno	When authorized to cross diagonally, pedestrians shall cross only in accordance with the official traffic-control devices pertaining to such crossing movements.	When authorized to cross diagonally, pedestrians shall cross only in accordance with the official traffic-control devices pertaining to such crossing movements.
City of Sparks	None.	
Washoe County	When authorized to cross diagonally, pedestrians shall cross only in accordance with the official traffic-control devices pertaining to such crossing movements.	

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Obedience to Railroad Signals		
City of Reno	No pedestrian shall pass through, around, over, or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad grade crossing or bridge while such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed.	No pedestrian shall pass through, around, over, or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad grade crossing or bridge while such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed.
City of Sparks	None.	
Washoe County	None.	
Walking on Roadway		
City of Reno	Where sidewalks are provided it is unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent highway.	Where sidewalks are provided it is unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent highway except when crossing the highway at an intersection or within a crosswalk, or if the sidewalk is inaccessible by a person with disabilities.
City of Sparks	Where sidewalks are provided, it is unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway.	
Washoe County	Where sidewalks are provided it is unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent highway except when crossing the highway at an intersection or within a crosswalk.	
City of Reno	Pedestrians walking along highways where sidewalks are not provided shall walk on the left side of such highways facing the approaching traffic.	Where sidewalks are not provided, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall, when practicable, walk only on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder, facing the approaching traffic.
City of Sparks	Where sidewalks are not provided, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall, when practicable, walk only on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction.	
Washoe County	Pedestrians walking along highways where sidewalks are not provided shall walk on the left side of such highways facing the approaching traffic.	
City of Reno	A person shall not stand in a highway for the purpose of soliciting a ride or any business from the driver or any occupant of a vehicle.	A person shall not walk along or stand in a highway for the purpose of soliciting a ride or any business from the driver or any occupant of a vehicle except where that person's vehicle has become disabled and he is seeking assistance.
City of Sparks	None.	
Washoe County	A person shall not walk along or stand in a highway for the purpose of soliciting a ride or any business from the driver or any occupant of a vehicle except where that person's vehicle has become disabled and he is seeking assistance.	
City of Reno	It is unlawful for any pedestrian who is under the influence of intoxicating liquors or any narcotic or stupefying drug to be within the traveled portion of any highway.	It is unlawful for any pedestrian who is under the influence of intoxicating liquors or any narcotic or stupefying drug to be within the traveled portion of
City of Sparks	None.	

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Washoe County	No pedestrian who is under the influence of intoxicating liquors or any controlled substance as defined in chapter 453 of NRS shall be within the traveled portion of any highway. Any such person under the influence of intoxicating liquors shall be removed from such highway and placed into civil protective custody. Any such person under the influence of controlled substances is guilty of a misdemeanor.	any highway.
Right-of-Way of Sight Impaired		
City of Reno	A blind or sight-impaired person who is on foot and using a guide dog or other service animal or carrying a cane or walking stick white in color, or white tipped with red, has the right-of-way when entering or when on a highway, street or road. Any driver of a vehicle who approaches or encounters such person shall yield the right-of-way, come to a full stop, if necessary, and take precautions before proceeding to avoid a collision with such person	A blind or sight-impaired person who is on foot and using a guide dog or other service animal or carrying a cane or walking stick white in color, or white tipped with red, has the right-of-way when entering or when on a highway, street or road. Any driver of a vehicle who approaches or encounters such person shall yield the right-of-way, come to a full stop, if necessary, and take precautions before proceeding to avoid a collision with such person.
City of Sparks	None.	
Washoe County	None.	
Mobility Impaired Persons		
City of Reno	Whenever a pedestrian is in the process of crossing a public street or highway and the pedestrian is mobility-impaired using a walker, crutch, an orthopedic cane, wheelchair, motorized wheelchair, or motorized cart, the driver of a vehicle who approaches or encounters such person shall yield the right-of-way, come to a full stop, if necessary, and take precautions before proceeding to avoid a collision with such person.	Whenever a pedestrian is in the process of crossing a public street or highway and the pedestrian is mobility-impaired using a walker, crutch, an orthopedic cane, wheelchair, motorized wheelchair, or motorized cart, the driver of a vehicle who approaches or encounters such person shall yield the right-of-way, come to a full stop, if necessary, and take precautions before proceeding to avoid a collision with such person.
City of Sparks	None.	
Washoe County	None.	

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Jurisdiction ¹	Existing Bicycle & Pedestrian Related Ordinances	Recommended Ordinance/Notes
BICYCLES		
License		
City of Reno	<p>Licensing of bicycles makes it easier for bicycles that have been lost or stolen to be returned to their owners. A purchaser of a new or used bicycle may pay for and obtain a bicycle license at the time of purchase. Owners of bicycles purchased before the date of enactment of this section may obtain a license for the bicycle at one of the participating retail bicycle outlets by doing one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Present an original purchase receipt, (2) Present evidence of warranty registration, (3) Present a notarized affidavit of ownership, presenting a valid picture identification or be accompanied by a legal guardian or school official and paying the required service charge. <p>Application for a bicycle license shall be made to the chief of police or his designated representative. A service charge of \$5.00 shall be paid before each license is issued. The funds collected for each bicycle license shall be apportioned as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) One dollar shall be retained by the retailer to cover the time and cost of record keeping. (2) One dollar shall be paid to the City of Reno to cover the cost of maintaining the list of registered owners. (3) Three dollars shall be deposited into a special account, with the funds to be used exclusively for bicycle route and land improvements, public education about bicycles and other bicycle-related purposes. <p>At least every two weeks, on the tenth and the twenty-fifth of the month, the retailer shall submit a copy of the list of licensees to the Reno Police Department. The department will use this listing to identify stolen bicycles to the owners. Four dollars for every license issued shall be delivered to the City of Reno on the tenth of every month.</p> <p>The chief of police may, from time to time, authorize free bicycle registration for students enrolled in Reno schools up to and including the eighth grade.</p>	Remove licensing chapters from Reno and Sparks codes.

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Jurisdiction ¹	Existing Bicycle & Pedestrian Related Ordinances	Recommended Ordinance/Notes
City of Sparks	<p>No person who resides within the city shall ride or propel a bicycle on any street, or upon any public path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, unless such bicycle has been licensed and a license plate is attached thereto.</p> <p>Applications for bicycle licenses and license plates shall be made to the chief of the police department upon forms provided by the city.</p> <p>A license fee of one dollar shall be paid before any license is issued.</p> <p>The chief of the police department, upon receiving proper application therefore, may issue a bicycle license.</p> <p>The chief of the police department shall not issue a license for any bicycle if he knows or has reasonable ground to believe that the applicant is not the owner or entitled to the possession of a bicycle.</p>	
Washoe County	None.	
Bicycle Sharing/Rental Agencies		
City of Reno	A rental agency shall not rent or offer any bicycle for rent unless a bicycle is licensed and a license insignia is attached thereto as provided in this chapter and such bicycle complies with the equipment provisions contained in this chapter.	A rental agency shall not rent or offer any bicycle for rent unless it has the proper business licensing in place and the company name and contact information is attached to the bicycle and such bicycle complies with the equipment provisions contained in this chapter.
City of Sparks	No rental agency shall rent or offer for rent any bicycle unless the bicycle is licensed and a license plate is attached thereto.	
Washoe County	None.	
Applicability of Traffic Laws		
City of Reno	Every person riding a bicycle within the city limits shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of this city and this state, except as to those provisions of law or ordinances which by their nature can have no application, and except as otherwise provided in this chapter.	Every person riding a bicycle within the city limits shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of this city and this state, except as to those provisions of law or ordinances which by their nature can have no application, and except as otherwise provided in this chapter.
City of Sparks	Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, and except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application.	

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Washoe County	None.	
City of Reno	None.	
City of Sparks	Every person walking or pushing a bicycle upon a sidewalk or crosswalk shall be subject to all the rights and all of the duties applicable to pedestrians.	Every person walking or pushing a bicycle upon a sidewalk or crosswalk shall be subject to all the rights and all of the duties applicable to pedestrians.
Washoe County	None.	
City of Reno	It is unlawful for any person operating a bicycle to not obey the instructions of official traffic-control signs, and other control devices applicable to vehicles or bicycles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.	
City of Sparks	None.	It is unlawful for any person operating a bicycle to not obey the instructions of official traffic-control signs, and other control devices applicable to vehicles or bicycles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.
Washoe County	None.	
Method of Riding		
City of Reno	A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.	A person operating a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.
City of Sparks	A person operating a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.	
Washoe County	None.	
City of Reno	No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.	No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.
City of Sparks	No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.	
Washoe County	None.	
Riding on Roadways/Paths		
City of Reno	Every person operating a bicycle upon a highway shall ride as near to the right-hand side of the highway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.	Every person operating a bicycle upon a highway shall ride as near to the right-hand side of the highway as practicable, except when pavement marking or signs indicate otherwise, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.
City of Sparks	Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right-hand side of the roadway as practicable and exercise due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.	
Washoe County	None.	

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City of Reno	Persons riding bicycles upon a highway shall not ride more than two abreast, except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.	Persons riding bicycles upon a highway shall not ride more than two abreast, except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.
City of Sparks	Persons operating bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast.	
Washoe County	None.	
City of Reno	Whenever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a highway, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the highway.	Remove ordinance.
City of Sparks	Whenever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a roadway, bicycle riders proceeding at a speed less than the normal speed of vehicular traffic shall use such path and not the roadway.	
Washoe County	None.	
Speed		
City of Reno	No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.	No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.
City of Sparks		
Washoe County	None.	
City of Reno	No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than that posted by a public authority for the particular highway or path.	No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than that posted by a public authority for the particular highway or path.
City of Sparks		
Washoe County	None.	
Turns and Transitions		
City of Reno	The operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway, bicycle path, building or otherwise approaching upon a sidewalk or a sidewalk area extending along any such area shall yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on such sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering a bicycle lane, shall yield the right-of-way to all bicycles approaching on such lane, and upon entering the highway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles or bicycles approaching on such highway.	The operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway, bicycle path, building or otherwise approaching upon a sidewalk or a sidewalk area extending along any such area shall yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on such sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering a bicycle lane, shall yield the right-of-way to all bicycles approaching on such lane, and upon entering the highway shall yield the right-of-way to
City of Sparks	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 the sidewalk or sidewalk area, and, upon entering the roadway, shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the roadway.	

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Washoe County	None.	all vehicles or bicycles approaching on such highway.
Riding on Sidewalks, Playgrounds		
City of Reno	It is unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle upon any sidewalk within the central business district or any prohibited-signed roadway.	It is unlawful for any person over the age of 15 to operate a bicycle upon any sidewalk within the central business district. A person may operate a bicycle upon a sidewalk outside of the central business district unless it is prohibited by signage.
City of Sparks	No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district. No person fifteen years of age or older shall ride a bicycle upon any sidewalk in any district. The chief of police may erect signs on any sidewalk or roadway prohibiting the riding of bicycles thereon by any person, and when such signs are in place no person shall disobey the signs.	
Washoe County	None.	
City of Reno	Any person riding a bicycle on a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and give an audible signal before overtaking and passing pedestrians.	Any person riding a bicycle on a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and give an audible signal before overtaking and passing pedestrians.
City of Sparks	Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, he shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and give an audible signal before overtaking and passing any pedestrian.	
Washoe County	None.	
Parking		
City of Reno	No person shall park a bicycle upon a street or highway other than against a curb, or in a rack to support the bicycle, or against a building or at a curb. No person shall park a bicycle, on a sidewalk in such a manner so as to obstruct pedestrian traffic or otherwise create a hazardous situation.	No person shall park a bicycle upon a street or highway other than against a curb, or in a rack to support the bicycle, or against a building or at a curb. No person shall park a bicycle, on a sidewalk in such a manner so as to obstruct pedestrian traffic or otherwise create a hazardous situation.
City of Sparks	Bicycles shall be parked only upon a roadway against the curb, upon the sidewalk in a rack, against a building or in such other manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic.	
Washoe County	None.	
Direction of Travel		
City of Reno	No person shall ride or operate a bicycle within a bicycle lane in any direction except that permitted of vehicular traffic traveling on the same side of the highway; provided, that bicycles may proceed either way along a lane where arrows appear on the surface of the lane designating two-way traffic.	No person shall ride or operate a bicycle within a bicycle lane in any direction except that permitted of vehicular traffic traveling on the same side of the highway; provided, that bicycles may proceed either way along a lane where arrows appear on the surface of the lane designating two-way traffic or in a designated contra-flow bicycle lane.
City of Sparks	None.	
Washoe County	None.	

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<p>Notes: ¹ Legal crosswalk locations can be marked or unmarked. Sources: ¹ City of Reno Administrative Code, Title 6 – Vehicles and Traffic, Dec. 1, 2010 ² City of Sparks Municipal Code, Title 10 Vehicles and Parking ³ Washoe County Code, Chapter 17, Vehicles and Traffic, Jan. 2009 Fehr & Peers, 2011</p>		