

Bikes are Welcome in Auburn

Auburn is committed to becoming a place where cyclists can ride enjoyable and safely.



A Bicycle Friendly Community

The League of American Bicyclists has named the City of Auburn a *Bicycle Friendly Community*, recognizing our efforts to actively support bicycling.

Bike lanes and paths are appearing throughout the City. These will eventually tie together into a bicycle network that will improve safety and enjoyment for recreational and commuting cyclist.

Each spring we celebrate bicycling with the *Bike Bash* - a community event with short and longer rides, exhibits, bike tune-ups, and helmet fitting. It is a time to meet other cyclists and to make a statement that we belong on the roads.

Every spring all fourth-graders in Auburn schools take part in the Bicycle Safety Education Program, where they learn to ride their bicycles safely.

The City's Bicycle Committee works on all of the activities above and on other projects aimed at making Auburn a bicycle-friendly community. For more information, contact Brandy Ezelle, the City's Bicycle Coordinator: 334-887-4942.

Cycle Auburn is on the web:
<http://www.auburnalabama.org/cycle/>

Rules of the Road for Bicycles

- Traffic signs and rules apply to you when you are riding your bike.
- When riding your bicycle, sit on the seat, only.
- Keep to the right side of the street, staying as close to the curb as is practical.
- If a bicycle path is provided close to the roadway, use it.
- When coming out from an alley, stop and give the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on the sidewalk and all vehicles approaching on the street.
- Never hitch rides. Do not ride closely behind a car or truck, because there is danger on all sides of any vehicle.
- Never ride more than two abreast.
- Never carry loads which keep you from having at least one hand on the handlebars at all times.
- Bicycles may carry only the number of people they are designed for. Children can be carried safely in special seats attached to the bicycle.
- Be sure your brakes are in good working order. They must be able to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, and clean pavement.
- Equip your bicycle with a horn, bell, or other warning signal. Sirens and whistles are not permitted.
- If you ride at night, have a headlight bright enough to be seen at a distance of at least 500 feet. A red reflector on the rear of the bicycle should be visible for a distance of at least 300 feet. (Wearing of reflective clothing is required.)
- Always ride slowly and carefully in heavy traffic. Do not speed at any time.
- Never ride bicycles on interstate highways.

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Bicycle Rules and Regulations



Bicycles in the Downtown Business District

Including Ordinance No. 988



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BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. DEFINITION.

- A. DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT shall mean that section of the City of Auburn, Alabama, bounded on the north by Tichenor Avenue as it extends westward across College Street, on the east by Gay Street, on the south by Thach Avenue, and on the west by Wright street.
- B. PERSON shall mean any individual or natural person.
- C. BICYCLE shall mean a vehicle consisting of a tubular metal frame mounted on two large, wire-spoke wheels, one behind the other, equipped with handle bars and a saddle-like seat, and propelled by foot pedals.

Section 2. RIDING BICYCLE ON SIDEWALK IN DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT PROHIBITED. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle on the sidewalks in the Downtown business District of the City of Auburn, Alabama.

Section 3. PARKING OF BICYCLE. It shall be unlawful for any person to park a bicycle in the Downtown Business District of the City of Auburn, Alabama, except in bicycle parking racks installed and placed by the City of Auburn.

Section 4. LOCATION OF BICYCLE PARKING RACKS. Bicycle parking racks shall be located in the Downtown Business District of the City of Auburn in such numbers and in such places as deemed appropriate by the City Engineer of the City of Auburn.

Section 5. PENALTIES.

(a) Any person who rides a bicycle on a sidewalk in the Downtown Business District of the City of Auburn shall be guilty of an offense against the City of Auburn and

shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 at the discretion of the Municipal Judge.

(b) Any person who parks a bicycle in the Downtown Business District of the City of Auburn other than in a bicycle parking rack placed and established by the City of Auburn shall be guilty of an offense against the City of Auburn and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00, at the discretion of the Municipal Judge. All bicycles so illegally parked shall be removed and impounded under the direction of the Chief of Police of the City of Auburn and shall be stored at the City of Auburn and shall not be returned to the owner unless (a) said owner shall submit to the Police Department of the City of Auburn evidence of ownership deemed appropriate by the Police Department of the City of Auburn, and (b) evidence that the fine imposed by the Municipal Judge for said illegal parking has been paid in full.

Section 6. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 7. If any section, subsection or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared to be invalid or unconstitutional by judgment or decree or a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment or decree shall not affect any other section, subsection or provision of this Ordinance.


Section 8. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Mayor or upon its otherwise becoming law, but shall be published as required by law and codified as part of the Code of the City of Auburn, Alabama.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, this the 18th day of September, 1979.


Under Alabama law, cyclists generally enjoy the same rights and responsibilities as motorists. All states have some special rules that apply only to bicycles, given their special features. Alabama's bike laws are summarized in this brochure.

In Auburn, the downtown district is a popular place to be, and it can get pretty congested when it's full of bikes, cars, skateboards, and pedestrians.

To keep downtown safe and enjoyable, the Auburn City Council adopted the Ordinance below to regulate bicycles. (Motorists and pedestrians also have rules to follow, but this brochure is for cyclists.)




Approximately 12 bicycles can be parked in the space required for one automobile.



Bicycling for one hour at a moderate effort results in the burning of 508 calories for a 140 lb individual; 708 calories for a 195 lb person.

The Ordinance is basically common-sense rules for handling bikes in a congested area. There are essentially two rules we are asked to follow:

- 1) **Please don't ride your bike on the sidewalks – leave them to pedestrians.**
- 2) **Please park your bike in a bike rack, not attached to trees, light poles, and/or flowerbeds.**



Streets, parking lots, and alleyways take up to at least 40% of the average American downtown.

-New Transportation Vision