

ORDINANCE NO. 541, FOURTH SERIES.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGISTRATION OF BICYCLES BY THE OWNERS THEREOF; FOR THE PREVENTION OF THEFT AND FOR THE DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF LOST AND STOLEN BICYCLES; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1. That each and every owner or person in charge or control of a bicycle or bicycles, except dealers thereof, within the corporate limits of the City of Sacramento, California, shall, within thirty (30) days from and after the passage of this ordinance, register said bicycle or bicycles with the Chief of Police of said City, by making application for registration in writing upon blank forms furnished by said Chief of Police, which application shall state the name and address of the owner of and/or person in charge and control of such bicycle or bicycles and the make and kind of the same and the factory number or numbers or identifying marks thereof, and from whom same was purchased and such other description and information relative thereto as may, in the judgment of the said Chief of Police, be necessary and proper for the identification thereof; and thereupon said Chief of Police, upon the payment to him for the use and benefit of said City, by said applicant of fifty cents (50¢) shall issue to such applicant an identification tag of metal having thereon in raised letters the words S.-B. and the raised serial number for the particular bicycle for which issued, and which tag shall be immediately and securely attached with a self-locking seal supplied for the purpose with the license tag by the owner or person in charge of the bicycle or bicycles, upon the front upright bar and at, and just below, the handlebar thereof, so that same may be plainly visible, and which metal tag shall, at all times, remain on said bicycle and not be removed therefrom, and said Chief of Police shall, at the same time, give to the owner or person in charge or control of such bicycle or bicycles an identification card to be carried at all times by the owner thereof when such bicycle is in use, having upon it the identification number assigned to the owner of such bicycle registered and also stating the name and address of the owner and a brief description of such vehicle.

SECTION 2. The Chief of Police of said City of Sacramento shall be, and is hereby, required to carefully file and preserve said applications described in Section 1 hereof and keep a register of all bicycles for which metal identification tags and cards are issued, which register shall contain the name of the owner or person in control of such bicycle or bicycles, the make and factory number of the same, and the number of the identification tag and such other memoranda as may be, in the discretion of the said Chief of Police, necessary and proper for the carrying out of the purposes of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Whenever any person, other than a dealer therein, sells, trades or transfers any bicycle, he shall endorse upon said identification card a written transfer of the same, naming the person and address to whom the same is transferred, and such transferee shall immediately notify the Chief of Police of such transfer to him and said Chief of Police shall issue a new identification card in the name of such transferee, which card shall bear the original number of the metal identification tag and the number of the original card, and enter upon his register provided for in Section 2 hereof, the name and address of the transferee and purchaser thereof.

SECTION 4. In the event of said metal identification tag or identification card provided for by this ordinance being lost or stolen or removed from such bicycle, the owner or person in charge or control thereof shall immediately notify the said Chief of Police of the loss of the same, and the Chief of Police shall, when such owner or person in control of such bicycle makes proper affidavit of the loss of said metal tag or card, stating the facts of such loss, issue to this person, upon payment to the Chief of Police, for the benefit and use of said City, for the sum of fifty cents (50¢), in the case of the loss of the metal tag, or twenty-five cents (25¢) for the loss of the identification card, a new identification tag or new identification card, as the case may be, or both if such be necessary, for such bicycle.

SECTION 5. It is hereby expressly declared to be the duty of each and every owner and person in charge or control of any bicycle in the City of Sacramento to immediately notify the Chief of Police of the loss by theft, or otherwise, of such bicycle.

SECTION 6. It shall be the duty of every person, firm or corporation dealing in bicycles in the City of Sacramento, either as a business or as an occasional buyer and/or seller of the same, to keep, in a well-bound book at his place of business, a record of all bicycles bought and sold and rented by him, giving an accurate description of the same and from whom received, together with his address and the factory and/or serial number or other mark used for identification purposes of the bicycle so purchased, sold or rented and the number of the identification tag or card, if any, together with the date of such transaction in plain and legible handwriting, which book shall, at all times, be open to the inspection of the Chief of Police, or any officer designated by him to perform said duty.

SECTION 7. It is hereby declared to be unlawful, from and after thirty (30) days after the passage and approval of this ordinance, for any person, acting either for himself or any other person, to change, obliterate or remove either the factory number or mark of identification or the metal identification tag from any bicycle without the same being registered as herein provided and having had issued to him and placed upon said bicycle the proper metal identification tag, or to use any bicycle without the tag thereon displayed in the place provided for in Section 1 hereof, or to fail or refuse to make application therefor and register the same.

SECTION 8. The provisions of this ordinance are mandatory and any failure or neglect or refusal or violation of the same is hereby declared a misdemeanor, punishable upon conviction by the Police Court of said City, by a fine in any sum not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and not less than One Dollar (\$1.00) or by imprisonment in the City Jail for a term not to exceed 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

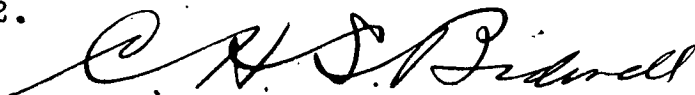
SECTION 9. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, for the reason that there are a great number of bicycles in use in the City of Sacramento, and there is constantly a great loss by owners thereof by theft and otherwise, and there is not, at present, sufficient record or means of identifying said lost and stolen bicycles and no ordinance providing for a registration of same so that they can be properly identified and recovered, and shall take effect immediately.

PASSED: February 11, 1932  
EFFECTIVE: February 11, 1932.

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR

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