

# **Bylaw No. 9705**

## **The Bicycle Bylaw, 2020**

**Codified to Bylaw No. 9874  
(February 22, 2023)**

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The Council of the City of Saskatoon enacts:

#### Short Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited as *The Bicycle Bylaw, 2020*.

#### Interpretation

2. In this Bylaw:
  - (a) **“Act”** means *The Traffic Safety Act* of the Province of Saskatchewan;
  - (b) **“bicycle”** means any belt-driven, chain-driven or shaft-driven wheeled device propelled by muscular power in, on or by which a person is or may be transported or drawn, and includes power-assisted bicycles but does not include party bicycles;
  - (c) **“bridge”** means a structure carrying a road, path or railroad across a canal, river, ravine, road, railroad or other obstacle, and includes an interchange bridge;
  - (d) **“City”** means the City of Saskatoon;
  - (e) **“cycle track”** means any street or part of a street that is:
    - (i) physically separated from motor vehicle traffic by an open space, barrier or painted line;
    - (ii) within a street right-of-way or an independent right-of-way; and
    - (iii) designated exclusively for bicycle travel;
  - (f) **“motor vehicle”** means a vehicle propelled or driven by any means other than muscular power, but does not include power-assisted bicycles;

- (f.1) **“party bicycle”** means any belt-driven, chain-driven or shaft-driven wheeled device that:
  - (i) transports or is intended to transport six or more passengers;
  - (ii) is propelled or is intended to be propelled by the muscular power of multiple passengers; and
  - (iii) is controlled by one operator for steering and braking;
- (g) **“pedestrian”** means any person on foot or in a wheelchair;
- (h) **“power-assisted bicycle”** means a power-assisted bicycle as defined in *The Registration Exemption and Reciprocity Regulations, 2014*;
- (i) **“shared-use path”** means a sidewalk, trail or other path that is:
  - (i) designated by traffic signs or physically separated from motor vehicle traffic by an open space or barrier;
  - (ii) within a street right-of-way or an independent right-of-way; and
  - (iii) shared by pedestrians, bicycles and other non-motor vehicles;
- (j) **“sidewalk”** means the portion of a street intended primarily for use by pedestrians;
- (k) **“street”** means all or any part of a road allowance, highway, road, path, lane, bridge, place, alley, square, thoroughfare, sidewalk or way intended for or used by the general public for the passage of vehicles or pedestrians;
- (l) **“traffic sign”** means any sign, signal, marking or other device that is placed, painted or erected for the guidance, regulation, warning, direction or prohibition of traffic;
- (m) **“vehicle”** means a device in, on or by which a person or thing is or may be transported or drawn on a street and includes special mobile machines and farm implements but does not include vehicles running only on rails or solely on railway company property.

## Purpose

3. The purpose of this Bylaw is to control and regulate the operation of all bicycles in or upon streets and other public places in the City.

## Operation

4. A person operating a bicycle has the same duties as a driver of a motor vehicle, and shall:
  - (a) operate with due care and attention;
  - (b) sit upon or astride a regular seat of the bicycle;
  - (c) not use the bicycle to carry more persons at one time than the bicycle is designed and equipped to carry;
  - (d) not carry any object, item or thing that:
    - (i) prevents the person from being able to keep both hands on the handlebars; or
    - (ii) obstructs the person's view;
  - (e) not operate abreast any two other bicycles being operated abreast on a street, except to overtake or pass;
  - (f) not operate where traffic signs prohibit operation;
  - (g) not perform or engage in any stunt or other activity that is likely to distract, startle, endanger or interfere with pedestrians, vehicles or other street users;
  - (h) keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all times; and
  - (i) signal by hand and arm prior to turning as follows:
    - (i) when making a left-hand turn, by extending the left arm horizontally;
    - (ii) when making a right-hand turn, by extending the left arm bent vertically upward.

### **Brakes**

5. (1) No person shall operate a bicycle unless the bicycle is equipped with a braking mechanism sufficient to control the movement of and to stop the bicycle whenever necessary.
- (2) All braking mechanisms mentioned in subsection (1) shall be maintained in efficient working condition at all times.

### **Horn or Bell**

6. No person shall operate a bicycle unless the bicycle is equipped with a functioning horn or bell capable of emitting sound audible, under normal conditions, from a distance of at least 35 metres.

### **Headlight and Rear Light or Reflector**

7. No person shall operate a bicycle from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, or at any other time when conditions of poor visibility exist, unless the bicycle is equipped with and displays:
  - (a) an operating headlight; and
  - (b) either:
    - (i) an operating red rear light; or
    - (ii) a red rear reflector.

### **Sidewalks**

8. No person over the age of 13 shall operate a bicycle on a sidewalk unless:
  - (a) the sidewalk is designated as a shared-use path by a traffic sign; or
  - (b) the person is temporarily crossing the sidewalk for the purpose of entering or exiting adjacent land.

## Cycle Tracks

9. (1) A person operating a bicycle on a cycle track shall travel only in the direction designated for that cycle track.
- (2) Vehicles other than bicycles may not drive, stand, stop or park on a cycle track except:
  - (a) where the marking is dashed, motor vehicles may, when safe to do so, merge into the cycle track to make a turn; or
  - (b) where the cycle track is located between the travel lane and the parking lane, motor vehicles may, when safe to do so, cross the cycle track for the purpose of parking the motor vehicle.

## Shared-Use Path

10. On any shared-use path, every person operating a bicycle shall:
  - (a) comply with all traffic signs;
  - (b) proceed with reasonable consideration for all pedestrians and other path users;
  - (c) yield the right of way to pedestrians at all times;
  - (d) operate the bicycle to the right of the centre of the shared-use path, except when overtaking a pedestrian or other path user;
  - (e) alert anyone about to be overtaken by sounding a horn or a bell a reasonable amount of time before overtaking; and
  - (f) operate at a moderate rate of speed.

## Bridges

11. A person operating a bicycle and traversing a bridge may:
  - (a) use the portion of the bridge intended for the passage of motor vehicles; and
  - (b) use the sidewalk portion of the bridge as if it were a shared-use path.

## Restricted Cycling Routes

12. No person shall operate a bicycle in or upon any of the streets identified in Schedule "A", except in or upon that portion of any such street as is clearly set aside and designated for the passage of bicycles.

## Offences and Penalties

13. (1) No person shall contravene any provision of this Bylaw.
- (2) Every person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50.00.
- (3) The following procedure applies to a contravention of this Bylaw:
  - (a) a member of the Saskatoon Police Service may issue a notice of violation to any person who contravenes this Bylaw;
  - (b) the notice mentioned in clause (a) shall require the person to pay \$50.00 to the City;
  - (c) the fine referred to in clause (b) may be paid:
    - (i) in person, during regular office hours, to the cashier located at City Hall, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan;
    - (ii) by deposit, at the depository located at the main entrance to City Hall, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; or
    - (iii) by mail addressed to Corporate Revenue, City Hall, 222 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7K 0J5;
  - (d) the amount of the fine under clause (b) shall be discounted to the sum of \$25.00 if paid within 14 calendar days of the date of the notice of violation. The date of payment shall be determined as follows:
    - (i) for payment in person, the date of the payment shall be the date payment is received by the City;
    - (ii) for payment by deposit, the date of payment shall be the date payment is deposited in the depository at City Hall;
    - (iii) for payment by mail, the date of payment shall be the post marked date on the remittance;

- (e) if payment of the fine is made prior to the date when the person contravening this Bylaw is required to appear in court to answer the charge, the person shall not be liable to prosecution for that offence.

### **Application of Act and *The Traffic Bylaw***

- 14. Except to the extent that they are inconsistent with this Bylaw, the relevant provisions of *The Traffic Bylaw* and the Act are applicable to the operation of bicycles in the City.

### **Paramountcy**

- 15. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Bylaw and those contained in *The Recreation Facilities and Parks Usage Bylaw, 1998*, the provisions of this Bylaw shall govern and supersede *The Recreation Facilities and Parks Usage Bylaw, 1998* to the extent of the conflict.

### **Unclaimed Bicycles**

- 15.1 (1) Every bicycle that is found by, delivered to or recovered by the Saskatoon Police Service must be kept by the Saskatoon Police Service for at least 90 days, unless it is claimed earlier by the owner.
- (2) Any bicycle which remains unclaimed after 90 days may be sold at a public auction.
- (3) In the event of a sale:
  - (a) notice of the sale must be advertised publicly online for at least two successive weeks just prior to the date of the sale; and
  - (b) the notice must include the make and model of each bicycle to be sold.
- (4) A person may claim a bicycle at any time up to 12:00 noon on the date of the sale if the person establishes ownership of the bicycle to the satisfaction of the Saskatoon Police Service.
- (5) The profits of the sale form part of the general revenues of the Saskatoon Police Service.



- (6) *The Unclaimed Personal Property Bylaw, 2003* does not apply to bicycles to which this section applies.

**Bylaw No. 6884**

16. *The Bicycle Bylaw* is repealed.

**Coming Into Force**

17. This Bylaw comes into force on the day of its final passing.

Read a first time this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

Read a second time this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

Read a third time and passed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

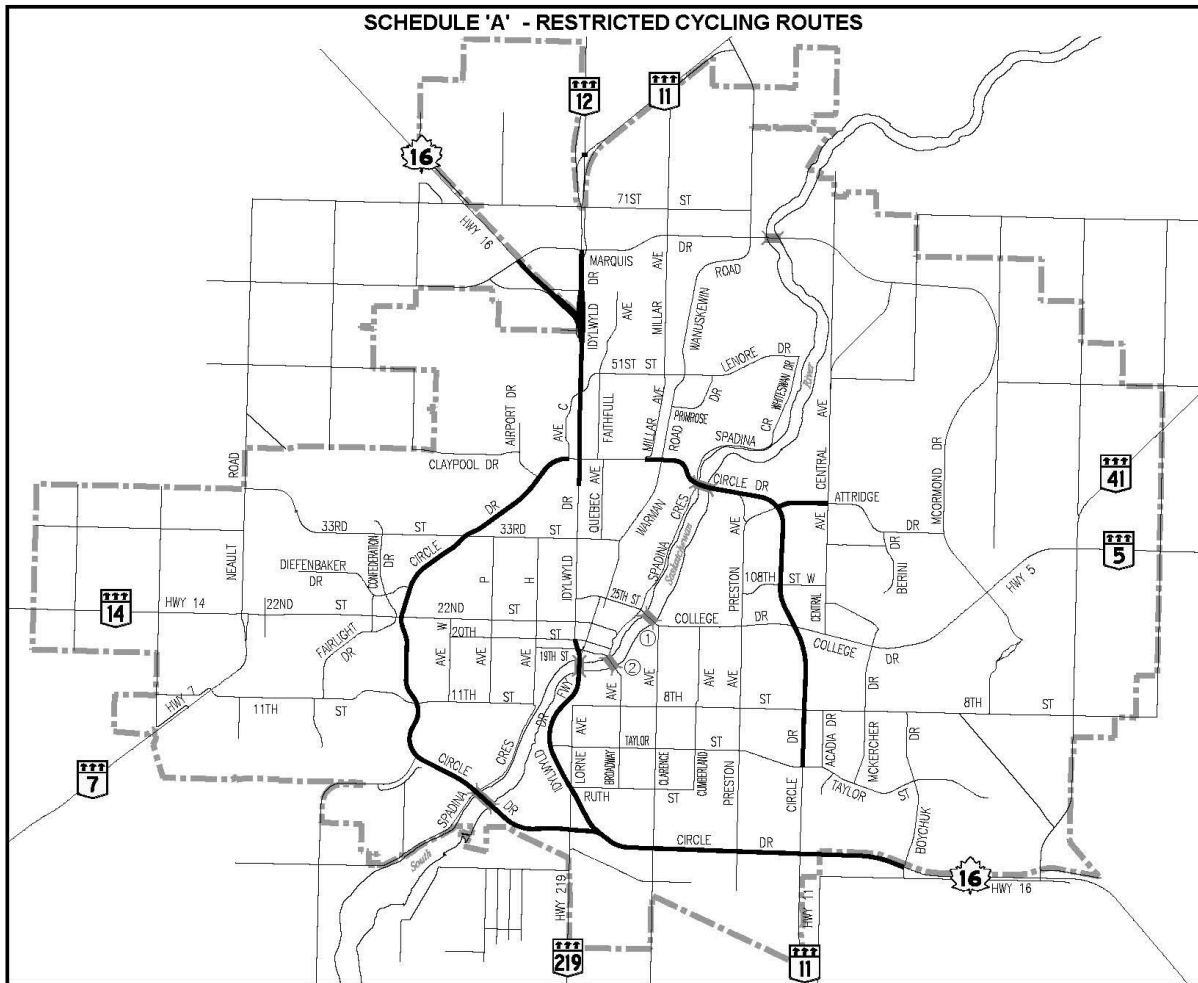
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## SCHEDULE "A"



### Restricted Cycling Routes

**LEGEND**

-  RESTRICTED CYCLING ROUTES
-  ARTERIAL ROAD NETWORK
-  CITY LIMITS

**STREETS DESIGNATED AS RESTRICTED CYCLING ROUTES**

- Idylwyld Drive North: Marquis Drive to 39th Street
- Circle Drive West: Avenue C North to Clancy Drive
- Circle Drive South: Clancy Drive to Idylwyld Drive South
- Circle Drive East: Idylwyld Drive South to Boychuk Drive
- Idylwyld Drive South: 20th Street to Circle Drive South
- Circle Drive East: Taylor Street to Millar Avenue
- Attridge Drive: Circle Drive East to Central Avenue
- Highway 16: Idylwyld Drive North to Marquis Drive/Beam Road

