

CIRCULAR



Title	Pedicab Regulation Enforcement
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

I. BACKGROUND

- A. The purpose of this Circular is to inform Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) members of amendments to Title 18 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) concerning the safety and operating standards for pedicabs.
- B. The changes to the safety and operating standards for pedicabs became effective on August 1, 2011, at 12:01 a.m.
- C. Please note that while this circular expires on November 10, 2012, the enforcement requirements for members regarding the safety and operating standards for pedicabs as described in this circular shall remain in effect until such time as the rules are amended.

II. DEFINITIONS

Pedicab – Bicycle with a single frame that connects two (2) rear wheels and one (1) front wheel that is designed to be ridden by one (1) or more persons, that transports, or is capable of transporting, passengers on seats attached to the bicycle, and is used for transporting passengers.

III. ENFORCEMENT REQUIREMENTS

- A. Members shall issue notices of infraction (NOIs) to pedicab operators who fail to operate pedicabs in accordance with 18 DCMR §1201 (Safe Operation of Bicycles, and Motorized Bicycles) and §1213 (Pedicabs).
- B. Members shall issue NOIs for seatbelt enforcement infractions to pedicab operators, **not** pedicab passengers.
- C. Members shall write the T code “**T623**” on NOIs issued to pedicab operators.

- D. Members shall issue a warning NOI to pedicab operators who violate 18 DCMR §1213 (Pedicabs) (Attachment A) for a period of thirty (30) days from the effective date of this circular.
- E. Members shall refer to Attachment B for the fines for [pedicab violations](#).

V. CROSS REFERENCES

- A. 18 DCMR §1201 (Safe Operation of Bicycles, and Motorized Bicycles)
- B. 18 DCMR §1213 (Pedicabs)
- C. 18 DCMR § 2602 (Bicycle Infractions)

VI. ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Attachment A: 18 DCMR § 1213 (Pedicabs)
- 2. Attachment B: 18 DCMR § 2602 (Bicycle Infractions)



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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS
TITLE 18 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC)
§ 1213 (PEDICABS)



Title 18 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12 (Bicycles, Motorized Bicycles, and Miscellaneous Vehicles), § 1213 (Pedicabs) is amended to read as follows:

1213 PEDICABS

- 1213.1 Pedicabs shall be operated in accordance with the safe operation of bicycle regulations set forth in § 1201.
- 1213.2 Notwithstanding § 1213.1, pedicabs shall be operated only on public streets.
- 1213.3 Each pedicab shall meet the following safety requirements:
- (a) The maximum width of the pedicab shall be fifty-five inches (55 in.);
 - (b) The maximum length of the pedicab shall be ten feet (10 ft.);
 - (c) The pedicab shall be equipped with:
 - (1) Passenger seat belts (either one (1) seat belt for each passenger or one (1) seat belt that covers all passengers);
 - (2) Hydraulic or mechanical disc or drum brakes, which shall be unaffected by rain or wet conditions;
 - (3) At least one (1) and no more than two (2) battery-operated head lamps capable of projecting a beam of white light for a distance of three hundred feet (300 ft.) in front of the pedicab, under normal atmospheric conditions at the times that use of the head lamp is required;
 - (4) Battery-operated tail lamps mounted on the rear of the pedicab, which, when operated, shall emit a red beam of light visible from a distance of five hundred feet (500 ft.) to the rear, under normal atmospheric conditions at the times that use of the head lamp is required;

- (5) Turn lights;
 - (6) A bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least one hundred feet (100 ft.); and
 - (7) Reflectors on the spokes of the wheels of the pedicab.
- (d) Reflective tape that meets the following requirements shall be affixed on the side and back of the pedicab:
- (1) The tape shall be at least two inches (2 in.) wide;
 - (2) The tape shall be at least twelve inches (12 in.) long; and
 - (3) There shall be at least two (2) pieces of tape on each side and on the back of the pedicab.

1213.4 Each pedicab shall be operated in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) The maximum number of passengers a pedicab may transport shall not exceed the number of available seats;
- (b) All passengers shall be seated while the pedicab is in motion;
- (c) All passengers shall have a seatbelt securely fastened while the pedicab is in motion. This requirement shall be clearly displayed to pedicab passengers;
- (d) A pedicab shall not be operated on a roadway with a posted speed limit of more than thirty miles per hour (30 mph);
- (e) A pedicab may not be operated or parked on a sidewalk;
- (f) Pedicab passengers shall be loaded and off-loaded while the pedicab is stopped;
- (g) No pedicab operator shall stop to load or unload passengers on the traffic side of the street, while occupying any
- (h) intersection or crosswalk, or in such a manner as to unduly interfere with the orderly flow of traffic. All pedicab operators

shall pull as close to the curb or edge of the roadway as

- (i) possible to take on or discharge passengers;
- (j) A pedicab shall not be parked in any restricted zones identified for other vehicles, including, but not limited to, parking meter zones, residential permit parking zones, valet parking zones, bus zones, taxicab zones;
- (k) A pedicab shall not be tied, cabled, or otherwise attached to a parking meter, street light pole, or other public space asset;
- (l) At any time from one half (1/2) hour after sunset to one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise, and at any other time when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons and vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a distance of five hundred feet (500 ft.) ahead, a pedicab shall be operated with a headlamp of sufficient intensity to reveal a person or a vehicle three hundred feet (300 ft.); and
- (m) At any time from one half (1/2) hour after sunset to one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise, and at any other time when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons and vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a distance of five hundred feet (500 ft.) ahead, a pedicab shall be operated with tail lamps capable of being seen from a distance of five hundred feet (500 ft.).

1213.5

No one shall operate or be in control of a pedicab while the person's alcohol concentration is eight hundredths of a gram (0.08 g.) or more either per one hundred milliliters (100 ml.) of blood or per two hundred and ten liters (210 L.) of breath or is one tenth of a gram (0.10 g.) or more per one hundred milliliters (100 ml.) of urine, or while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug or any combination thereof, or while the ability to operate a vehicle is impaired by the consumption of intoxicating liquor.



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TITLE 18 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC)
§ 2602 (BICYCLE INFRACTIONS)



2602 BICYCLE INFRACTIONS

2602.1 The following civil infractions and their respective fines set forth in this section refer to bicycles and the operation of bicycles. The fine for any bicycle violation not listed in this section is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

<u>INFRACTION</u>	<u>FINE</u>
Carrying objects which prevent operator from keeping one hand on handle bars (§ 1201.6)	\$25.00
Excessive number of riders (§ 1201.5)	\$25.00
Furnishing false information (§ 1202.8)	\$5.00
Hazardous driving (§ 1201.2)	\$25.00
Hitching on vehicle (§ 1201.16)	\$25.00
Impeding or obstructing traffic (§ 1201.3)	\$25.00
Improper equipment (§ 1204)	\$25.00
Improper Securing of Bicycle (§ 1209)	\$25.00
Mounting rack violation (§ 1206)	\$25.00
Not riding on seat (§ 1201.4)	\$25.00
Riding on sidewalk where not permitted (§ 1201.9)	\$25.00
Riding abreast, obstructing traffic (§ 1201.7)	\$25.00
Right-of-way, failure to yield (§ 1201.1)	\$25.00
Sounding of warning device (§§ 1201.14; 1204.7)	\$25.00
Speed, excessive (§ 1201.8)	\$25.00
Traffic control device, disobeying (§ 1201.15)	\$25.00