



Indiana Bicycle Regulations Simplified and Codes

The following are Bicycle Indiana's interpretation of the state laws related to riding a bicycle in Indiana. Be aware that cities and towns throughout the state could have specific laws that differ from state laws.

Bicycle Indiana has simplified the laws to make it easier to understand what you need to know. We recommend if you have any questions regarding these regulations that you refer to the complete motor vehicle code which can be found here:

<http://iga.in.gov/legislative/laws/2020/ic/titles/009/#9-21>

Key:

IC-Indiana Code

9 - Title 9, Motor Vehicles

21-Article 21, Traffic Regulation

11 - Chapter 11, Bicycles & Motorized Bicycles

1 - Section 1 (Title of section)

IC 9-21-1-3 Powers of local authorities; effective date of ordinances

Sec. 3. (a) A local authority, with respect to private roads and highways under the authority's jurisdiction, in accordance with sections 2 and 3.3(a) of this chapter, and within the reasonable exercise of the police power, may do the following:

(9) Regulate the operation of bicycles and electric foot scooters and require the registration and licensing of bicycles and electric foot scooters, including the requirement of a registration fee....

What Does That Mean?

Cities and towns are able to regulate bicycles and can require licensing or fees.

IC 9-21-3-7 Signals exhibiting colored lights or arrows; requirements; explanation of colors

(3)(D) ...If the operator of a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or bicycle approaches an intersection that is controlled by a traffic control signal, the operator may proceed through the intersection on a steady red signal only if the operator:

- (i) comes to a complete stop at the intersection for at least one hundred twenty (120) seconds; and
- (ii) exercises due caution as provided by law, otherwise treats the traffic control