



RULES OF THE ROAD for bicyclists and drivers

THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA HAS ADOPTED SEVERAL STATUTES TO REGULATE BICYCLE TRAFFIC. NOTABLE LAWS INCLUDE:

- Bicycle riders on sidewalks or crosswalks have all of the rights and duties of pedestrians, but they must stop before entering a crosswalk from a sidewalk.
- Bicycle riders on streets should ride as close as practicable to the right hand edge of the street. But they may move to the left to pass other traffic, turn left, avoid parked cars or hazards, and narrow width lanes.
- People bicycling should give a turn signal by hand for the last 100' before turning, but intermittently if the hand is needed to control the bicycle.
- Drivers of motor vehicles should allow a minimum of three feet separation when passing, unless traveling over 35mph where the minimum separation is six feet.
- Bicycles must be equipped with a headlight and a rear light or reflector.

THE CITY OF BROOKINGS HAS ALSO ADOPTED SEVERAL ORDINANCES. NOTABLE ORDINANCES INCLUDE:

- People riding bicycles should observe all traffic signs and stop at all stop signs.
- Sidewalk riding is allowed on all public sidewalks except in the Central Business District on Main Street between the railroad tracks and 6th Street, as well as 3rd, 4th and 5th Streets between 3rd Avenue and 5th Avenue.
- Bicycle riding speed should be reasonable with regard to the safety other people using sidewalks, trails, and streets.
- Riding two abreast is allowed.
- Bicycle registration with the police department is available, with identification tags issued.

