

PART 15 – MOTORCYCLES OR MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES

1501. Traffic laws apply to persons operating motorcycles or motor-driven cycles - special permits.

- (1) Every person operating a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under this Traffic Code, except as to special regulations in this Traffic Code and except as to those provisions of this Traffic Code which by their nature can have no application.
- (2) For the purposes of a prearranged organized special event and upon a showing that safety will be reasonably maintained, the Colorado Department of Transportation or the City of Fort Collins Transportation Authority may grant a special permit exempting the operation of a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle from any requirement of this Part 15. (Ord. 016, 2003 §1)

1502. Riding on motorcycles or motor-driven cycles.

- (1) A person operating a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle shall ride only upon the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, and such operator shall not carry any other person nor shall any other person ride on a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle unless such motorcycle or motor-driven cycle is designed to carry more than one (1) person, in which event a passenger may ride upon the permanent seat if designed for two (2) persons or upon another seat firmly attached to the motorcycle or motor-driven cycle at the rear or side of the operator.
- (2) A person shall ride upon a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle only while sitting astride the seat, facing forward, with one (1) leg on either side of the motorcycle or motor-driven cycle.
- (3) No person shall operate a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle while carrying packages, bundles or other articles which prevent the person from keeping both hands on the handlebars.
- (4) No operator shall carry any person nor shall any person ride in a position that will interfere with the operation or control of the motorcycle or motor-driven cycle or the view of the operator. (Ord. 016, 2003 §1)

1503. Operating motorcycles or motor-driven cycles on roadways laned for traffic.

- (1) All motorcycles or motor-driven cycles are entitled to full use of a traffic lane, and no motor vehicle shall be driven in such a manner as to deprive any motorcycle or motor-driven cycle of the full use of a traffic lane. This Subsection (1) shall not apply to motorcycles or motor-driven cycles operated two (2) abreast in a single lane.

- (2) The operator of a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle shall not overtake or pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken.
- (3) No person shall operate a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles.
- (4) Motorcycles or motor-driven cycles shall not be operated more than two (2) abreast in a single lane.
- (5) Subsections (2) and (3) of this Section shall not apply to police officers in the performance of their official duties. (Ord. 016, 2003 §1)

1504. Clinging to other vehicles.

No person riding upon a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle shall attach himself or herself or the motorcycle or motor-driven cycle to any other vehicle on a roadway. (Ord. 016, 2003 §1)