**Town police adopt tougher bike ordinance**

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A recent town bicycle ordinance calling for stricter security regulations could result in traffic tickets for cyclists on downtown streets. The ordinance, effective this month, will issue warnings for a two-week period before it is enforced.

The new ordinance, after two years of deliberation, will go into effect on September 1.

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Among the changes will be mandatory registration of bicycles. Under the new law, bicycle owners will register their bikes and will have to pay an annual fee.

Additionally, there are new restrictions on the use of bicycles on certain streets. The new regulations include:

- No bicycle shall be used on any street, road, or public way by any person without a valid registration card issued by the town.
- Any bicycle not registered within 60 days after the effective date of the ordinance will be impounded.
- Any person who uses a bicycle not registered within 60 days after the effective date of the ordinance will be subject to a fine of $50 per day.
- Any person who uses a bicycle that is not registered will be subject to a fine of $100 per day.

The new regulations will also require bicycle owners to display a registration number on their bicycles and to register their bicycles with the town police department.

Pendergraph said there are plans to schedule on-site bicycle registration for students. However, the mechanism to begin this process has not been announced.

The new regulations are designed to ensure the safety and security of the town's residents and visitors. The police department is committed to enforcing this new ordinance to protect the rights and property of all town residents.

Pendergraph emphasized that the new regulations are not intended to interfere with the enjoyment of cycling or to discourage the use of bicycles. The intent is to ensure that all bicycle owners register their bikes and pay the annual fee.

The new regulations come after a recent increase in bike-related accidents and thefts. The police department has observed that many bicycle owners do not register their bikes or pay the annual fee, leading to a lack of accountability for any damages or loss.

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