



Agenda Item: Original Ordinance - 2nd Reading

Title: Original Ordinance 1994, amending Chapter 10 of the LMC by deleting sections 10.32.020 through 10.32.080, and renumbering the remaining sections.

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move to approve Original Ordinance No. 1994 on second reading amending Chapter 10 of the Laramie Municipal Code by deleting sections 10.32.020 through 10.32.080 and renumbering the remaining sections.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

To ensure that our ordinance pertaining to bicycles reflects current practices.

Background:

Licensing of bicycles dates back to before the 1980's. At which time, if citizens wanted to comply with Laramie Municipal Code regarding bike registrations, they would bring their bike to City Hall, a police officer would be summoned to the front desk in City Hall to complete a required inspection of the bike. This inspection included checking for working brakes and a reflector to the rear. Once the bicycle passed the inspection, the staff at the counter would take \$3.00 and issue a license. In 1993, the process was revamped in hopes of making it easier as well as to encourage compliance. Officers worked with the local bike shops to issue licensing materials and the process at City Hall was discontinued. Although this was a more effective and better received process, by 1998 the arrangement had deteriorated, and the local bike shops did not want to be involved with City business any longer. This was due in part to turn over of the Crime Prevention Officer position and not keeping the bicycle shops supplied with licenses. Some shops changed owners and some simply shut down. Since about 1998 or so, there has not been an opportunity for the public to license bikes through the City of Laramie. University students who bring a bike on campus are required to register their bikes through UWPD but it is unknown how many people comply with that University regulation or how UWPD tracks licenses.

It was thought in the inception of licensing bicycles that it would give Officers some ability to question bike riders whom did not display the required license and or perhaps help identify the owner of the bicycle. It also gave power to the officer to confiscate the bicycle should it not comply with the city ordinance. Today, Officers have many more tools and abilities to track owners and identify bicycles that are abandoned or otherwise located. These tools include the use of NCIC, LEADS online, as well as the use of social media and email to forward pictures and descriptions of lost or found bicycles.

As a practical matter, the ordinance sections 10.32.020 through 10.32.080 of the Laramie Municipal Code have not been enforced for many years and should be considered by this council to be eliminated.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Laramie Municipal Code 10.32

Responsible Staff: Robert G. Terry, Assistant Chief of Police

Attachments: Introduction page and Chapter 10 of the LMC Bicycles sections with proposed revisions/deletions.

_____ City Manager _____ City Attorney _____ **Police Department**