TRAFFIC LAWS

- Ride as far to the right as practicable, in the same direction as other traffic. Practicable does not mean "possible." Stay out of the gutter and leave yourself open space to avoid hazards, including parked cars with open doors.
- A cyclist may ride in the middle of a lane if the lane is wider than 14 feet. If the lane is narrower than 14 feet, the cyclist may take the lane if it is the only safe place to ride.
- A cyclist should not ride on a sidewalk in an area where pedestrians are expected. Cyclists are required to follow the rules of the road as if they were riding a motor vehicle.
- Cyclists must follow traffic rules such as stopping at red lights, yielding to pedestrians, and using hand signals.
- Cyclists are not allowed to ride a bicycle on a pedestrian pathway.

BIKE LAWS

State of Texas Bicycle Laws

551.101, RIGHTS AND DUTIES
A person operating a bicycle has the rights and duties applicable to a driver operating a vehicle under this subtitle, unless:
1. A provision of this chapter alters a right or duty; or
2. A right or duty applicable to a driver operating a vehicle cannot be by its nature apply to a person operating a bicycle.

551.103, OPERATION ON ROADWAY
(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a person operating a bicycle on a roadway who is moving slower than the other traffic on the roadway shall ride as near as practicable to the right curb or edge of the roadway unless:
1. The person is passing another vehicle moving in the same direction;
2. The person is preparing to turn left at an intersection or onto a private road or driveway;
3. A condition on or of the roadway, including a fixed or moving object, parked or moving vehicle, pedestrian, animal, or surface hazard prevents the person from safely riding next to the right curb or edge of the roadway;
4. The person is operating a bicycle in an outside lane that is:
   (A) less than 14 feet in width and does not have a designated bicycle lane adjacent to that lane;
   (B) too narrow for a bicycle and a motor vehicle safely travel side by side.
(b) A person operating a bicycle on a roadway with less than or more narrow traffic lanes may ride as near as practicable to the left curb or edge of the roadway.

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