

Introduced by:

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING SECTION 10.60.140 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE, BICYCLE REGULATIONS, TO PROHIBIT BICYCLISTS FROM RIDING MORE THAN TWO ABREAST IN ANY PUBLIC STREET, WHERE SUCH PROHIBITION IS POSTED AT THE DIRECTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The people of the City of Pasadena ordain as follows:

WHEREAS, for a number of years, large numbers of cyclists have been racing in "peloton" formation around the Rose Bowl as a recreational and as a training activity on a regular basis every week;

WHEREAS the peloton is a large mass of riders which regularly encroaches into pedestrian areas and across all lanes of traffic, including into oncoming traffic;

WHEREAS, there have been a number of reported collisions as a result of the peloton formation as well as complaints to staff and city commissions by residents and other recreational users about the hazards created by the peloton for walkers, skaters, other bicyclists and motor vehicles;

WHEREAS, the peloton consistently and unreasonably interferes with other recreational uses at the Rose Bowl area;

WHEREAS, the peloton is not sponsored by any group or organization willing to provide traffic control so as to protect the public during this use nor to provide insurance and indemnity from collisions which might occur during this use;

WHEREAS, limiting the number of riders allowed to ride in tandem to two, wherever the prohibition is posted by resolution of the city council, will not affect recreational bicycle riders and should eliminate most of the hazards created by the peloton;

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code, Section 21100 allows local authorities to adopt rules and regulations which regulate or prohibit processions or assemblages on the highways and streets;

WHEREAS California Vehicle Code, Section 21206 allows local authorities to regulate the operation of bicycles on pedestrian or bicycle facilities.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

SECTION 1. Section 10.60.140 of the Pasadena Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

"A. It is unlawful to ride a bicycle upon any sidewalk in front of any church, school or place of public assembly except where the sidewalk area is designated a bike lane by the director of transportation with official signs and markings.

B. In all other areas, the rider of a bicycle shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.

C. Based on demonstrated pedestrian, bicycle and traffic safety needs, the city council may, by resolution, regulate or prohibit the use of bicycles on specific sidewalks within high congestion retail shopping districts, **and may prohibit persons riding bicycles upon a roadway or bike lane from riding more than two abreast** and shall direct the posting of such regulations and prohibitions as well as any signs for markings determined appropriate to encourage shared use of the streets. **Any such resolution which prohibits persons from riding more than two abreast may provide for suspension of the prohibition and covering of the signs by the city department of transportation as a part of a special event or use for which a valid permit or license agreement is in force and effect.**

D. It is unlawful to operate a bicycle on a sidewalk where it has been posted to regulate or prohibit its use pursuant to subsection C of this section or in a manner otherwise prohibited by subsections A or B of this section. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an infraction, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as provided in Section 1.24.025 of this code."

SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause this ordinance to be published in full text.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its publication.

Signed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2007.

Bill Bogaard
Mayor of the City of Pasadena

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Pasadena at its meeting held the _____ day of _____, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:


ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

PUBLISHED:

Jane L. Rodriguez, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 8/2/07

Nicholas George Rodriguez
Assistant City Attorney