

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew J. Fertal

From: Dave Bertka

Dept: City Manager

Dept: Fire

Subject: REPEAL OF BICYCLE LICENSING
REGULATIONS

Date: July 14, 2009

OBJECTIVE

To request City Council repeal Ordinance No. 1442 relating to bicycles, including Chapter 10.76 and Section 3.32.040 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code in their entirety.

BACKGROUND

The California Vehicle Code, Section No. 39000-39011, states that a city or county may adopt an ordinance for the registration and collection of fees pertaining to bicycle licensing. The City of Garden Grove adopted Ordinance No. 1442 in 1975. This Ordinance is still in effect, except for various amendments to adjust fees and/or to clarify language.

Ordinance No. 1442 is enforced by the Police Department, but issuance of the tags for licensing is managed by the Fire Department. There is a three-dollar fee for three years of licensing or renewal.

DISCUSSION.

Historically, revenues from licensing have been below \$200.00 dollars annually and less than one percent of the Garden Grove citizens have participated in this program.

The Police Department felt that one of the primary reasons to have the program is to assist them and bike owners with lost or stolen bicycles. If a bike is stolen and/or recovered, the Police Department can utilize the license tag to locate the owner and return the bike. Several years ago, a web based bicycle registration program was introduced to provide the same service. Now a bike owner can register their bike with the National Bike Registry from home. This service charges ten dollars, good for ten years or twenty five dollars for a family membership good for ten years (five bikes) and allows owners and Police Department's nationwide to register, locate and recover lost or stolen bicycles using the bicycles stamped serial number.

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The National Bike Registry service is free for Police Departments to locate and recover lost or stolen bicycles.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

None

COMMUNITY VISION IMPLEMENTATION

A Well Administered Community – This new program will allow citizens to efficiently and effectively register their bicycles from home.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- Conduct the first reading and introduce the Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 1442 relating to bicycles, including Chapter 10.76 and Section 3.32.040 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code in their entirety.



DAVE BERTKA
Fire Chief



BY: Mike Bublitz
Division Chief

Recommended for Approval



Matthew Ferial
City Manager

Attachment 1: Ordinance

Attachment 2: National Bike Registry pamphlet

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
RELATING TO BICYCLES

City Attorney Summary

The proposed ordinance repeals the current City bicycle licensing regulations and the bicycle licensing fee.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE FINDS AND
DETERMINES AS FOLLOWS:

Whereas, the City's current bicycle licensing program is not utilized by a large majority of the City's residents; and

Whereas, the National Bike Registry provides an efficient alternative to the City's bicycle licensing program.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Chapter 10.76 and Section 3.32.040 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, word, or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, word, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, words, or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and cause the same to be posted at the duly designated posting places within the City and published once within fifteen days after passage and adoption as may be required by law; or, in the alternative, the City Clerk may cause to be published a summary of this Ordinance and a certified copy of the text of this Ordinance shall be posted in the Office of the City Clerk five days prior to the date of adoption of this Ordinance; and, within fifteen days after adoption, the City Clerk shall cause to be published, the aforementioned summary and shall post a certified copy of this Ordinance, together with the vote for and against the same, in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN THE TIME IT TAKES YOU TO READ THIS, SOMEONE'S BIKE WAS STOLEN.

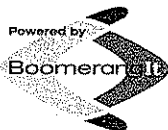


Register your bike with the National Bike Registry.

A bike is stolen every 7 seconds. And while thousands of bikes are recovered by the police each year, very few are returned. Why? Because there's no way to identify the bikes' owners.

Here's the good news. The National Bike Registry (NBR®) & Caltrain are working together, using the only nationwide bike registration service, to return bikes to their owners. In fact, NBR-registered bikes are nine times more likely to be returned.

Register with NBR today. For more details, go to
www.nationalbikeregistry.com
or call 1-800-848-BIKE (2453).



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