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Title: Bicycle Policy (2021-2022)
Responsible Position for Policy: Director of Campus Safety
Office/Department Responsible for Policy: Office of Campus Safety
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a. Students owning a bicycle (whether new or second hand) must register it in their own name with the Oberlin Police Department (85 South Main Street) before using it on Campus or in town. A city registration permit will be attached to each bicycle when registered. The city registration permit has no fee. The Office of Campus Safety also provides this service.

b. Cyclists operating their bicycles in the street or upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles must follow the Ohio Traffic Code and comply with the Oberlin City ordinances that directly affect the operation of bicycles in the city. These traffic codes and ordinances address rules such as obeying stop signs, traffic lights, and other traffic control devices.

c. It is a violation to ride a bicycle on the sidewalks in the downtown area. The Downtown is defined on North and South Main Streets as between the crosswalk at Hall Auditorium to Vine Street [north to south] and on East and West College Streets from Pleasant Street to Professor Street [east to west]. Cyclists may ride on any sidewalk in or around Tappan Square. Cyclists may ride on city sidewalks outside of the downtown area.

d. Bicycles must be ridden on the right side of roads, sidewalks, or bike path at a reasonable and safe speed. Reasonable operation of bicycles is for the safety sake of pedestrians, motor vehicle drivers, as well as that of the rider. Pedestrians have the right of way on sidewalks, pathways, and crosswalks.

e. Students who ride their bicycles at night (within one half-hour after sunset to one half-hour before sunrise) are required to use a white front light and red rear light (on their bicycle or person) as well as a red rear reflector on their bicycle. Side reflectors are recommended for wheels. It is recommended that cyclists wear light colored clothing while riding at night.

f. City ordinances suggest that bicycles be equipped with a bell or horn by which the rider may warn pedestrians of their approach.

g. Bicyclists must use appropriate hand signals to indicate turns when riding.

h. Both in the city and on our Campus, bicycles may ONLY be parked in properly constructed racks. Bicycles may not lean against or be locked to signposts, light poles, handrails, trees, or benches. Recommendations on securing bicycles are available from the Office of Campus Safety.

i. Bicycles not in use but not removed from Campus or, improperly registered and improperly stored with Residential Education invite theft and vandalism. Bicycles not removed from all outside bike racks or stored properly by the day after final exams will be considered abandoned property. These bicycles will be removed and stored by Campus Safety. Bicycles that are not in working condition for more than two weeks are considered abandoned, even during the

semester. Students who are actively using their bicycles after final exams for college or summer employment, or classes must notify Campus Safety. If removed and stored by Campus Safety, a fee of $50 will be assessed for not properly storing the bicycle. Any bicycles not claimed after October 15 of the following academic year will be disposed of by Oberlin College.