



## CITY OF HARRISONBURG CITY MANAGER

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TO: Eric Campbell, City Manager  
FROM: Wesley Russ, Assistant City Attorney  
DATE: July 12, 2021  
RE: Proposed Ordinance to Repeal and Replace portions of Title 13, Chapter 2, "Bicycle Regulations"

**Summary:** City Code Sections 13-2-1 through 13-2-6 contain outdated ordinances regarding the registration of bicycles.

**Background:**

City Code Section 13-2-1 through 13-2-6 create a regulatory scheme that criminalizes failure to use an unregistered bicycle within the City of Harrisonburg, failure to notify the Harrisonburg Police Department within 48 hours of the sale or transfer of a bicycle, and failure of any business engaged in the buying of secondhand bicycles or bicycle parts to file reports with the Harrisonburg Police Department within 48 hours of the purchase of any secondhand bicycle or bicycle parts.

**Key Issues:**

This matter is brought for your consideration after a request from a local bicycle advocate to repeal several ordinances related to bicycles that appear outdated.

While the Harrisonburg Police Department does maintain a database of bicycle registrations, it does not appear that any citations have been issued for failure to register a bicycle in many years. Instead, bicycle registration has effectively been offered as a voluntary service provided by the police department, rather than a mandate punishable as a criminal offense.

Additionally, HPD has not received, nor has it proactively sought out, used bicycle and bicycle part records from businesses.

To avoid confusion, staff recommend repealing City Code Sections 13-2-1 through 13-2-6 to reflect current practices. HPD intends to continue to offer voluntary bicycle registration as a service to the public.

**Environmental Impact:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Prior Actions:** N/A

**Alternatives:**

- (a) Repeal Sections 13-2-1 through 13-2-6 as presented



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(b) Decline to take any action

**Community Engagement:** N/A

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends alternative (a)

**Attachments:**

1. Existing Sections 13-2-1 through 13-2-6

**Review:**

*The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.*

