


# Commercial Bicyclist Law Amendments for Businesses



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# Commercial Bicyclist Safety



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Commercial bicyclists must obey all traffic laws and rules. These laws include, but are not limited to, the following requirements:




Yield to pedestrians



Stay off the sidewalk



Do not wear more than one earphone while riding



Ride in the direction of traffic



Stop at all red lights and stop signs



Use a white headlight and red taillight at night


Commercial bicyclists must:



Wear **retroreflective** upper body apparel with the business' name and bicyclist's 3-digit ID number on the back in lettering at least 1 inch high.



Wear a bicycle helmet in good condition.



Carry a business ID card at all times when riding on behalf of the business, which includes the information below:


- Business name, address and phone number
- Bicyclist's name, photo and 3-digit ID number

Business owners must provide the above items.

Business owners who employ commercial bicyclists must:

Equip commercial bicycles with the following, in addition to the items required above:


- A bell or other audible device
- White headlight and red taillight
- Retroflectors
- Broken
- Metal or plastic sign in good condition at least 3 inches by 9 inches with the business' name and a unique bicycle ID number for each bicycle in lettering at least 1 inch high. The sign must be affixed to the rear or both sides of the bicycle.



Make available at the site a roster to include each cyclist's:


- Name, residence address, date of employment and, where applicable, date of discharge from employment
- Unique 3-digit ID number
- Confirmation of cyclist's completed review of DCU Commercial Bicyclist Safety Course





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Effective on September 27, 2017, Local Law 91 of 2017 amended sections § 10-157 and § 10-157.1 of the New York City Administrative Code.



# The new amendments include:

A new definition of “bicycle operator” that means a person who delivers packages, parcels, papers or articles of any type by bicycle on behalf of a business using a bicycle for commercial purposes and who is paid by such business.

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## Business Definition

An expanded definition of "business using a bicycle for commercial purposes", which **to include any entity** that either on behalf of itself or others delivers packages, parcels, papers or articles of any type by bicycle.



# Registration of Businesses

A requirement to **register with NYC DOT** if a business using a bicycle for commercial purposes does not have a site within NYC that is open and available to the public. Rules detailing this requirement will be issued by NYC DOT in the near future.



# Businesses Equipment Requirements

A requirement for a business using a bicycle for commercial purposes to ensure the availability of helmets for each of its bicycle operators. **Such business may not require** any of its bicycle operators to provide helmets and required bicycle equipment at the bicycle operator's expense.

# Safety Course Requirement

A requirement for bicycle operators to complete a **bicycle safety course** **prior** to making deliveries or otherwise operating a bicycle on behalf of a business using a bicycle for commercial purposes.



# License Plate change



A metal or plastic identification **sign is no longer** required to be affixed to the rear of each bicycle.





**As a reminder, the  
following rules  
still apply to the  
Commercial  
Cyclist Law:**

# What Is a Business Using a Bicycle for Commercial Purposes Required to Do?

- Make available at the site the Commercial Bicyclist Safety poster.
- Maintain a roster listing each delivery cyclist and date of course completion.
- Provide commercial cyclists with: an ID card, a helmet, and a retroreflective vest.
- Equip all bicycles used for commercial delivery with: a bell, a front white and red tail light, and working brakes.

# What are Commercial Bicyclists Required to Do?

- Follow all traffic rules on the road, stay off sidewalk, signal when turning
- Wear a helmet, use a bell, use lights after dusk/before dawn, only use one ear bud if wearing headphones

# E-Bikes

Electric bicycles are not capable of being registered by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles and therefore their operation is prohibited in New York City.




# How will the commercial bicyclist law be enforced?

The NYC DOT Commercial Bicycle Unit will enforce § 10-157 and § 10-157.1 at the point of business and will respond to 311 calls. (*summons to business*)

NYPD will continue to enforce both Commercial Bicyclist moving violations (*summons to cyclists*) and § 10-157 and § 10-157.1 at the point of business (*summons to business*)


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