

Executive Council Resolution No. (13) of 2022

Regulating the

Use of Cycles in the Emirate of Dubai

We, Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Chairman of the Executive Council,

After perusal of:

Federal Law No. (21) of 1995 Concerning Road Traffic, its Implementing Bylaw, and their amendments;

The Dubai Police Law of 1966;

Law No. (3) of 2003 Establishing the Executive Council of the Emirate of Dubai;

Law No. (17) of 2005 Establishing the Roads and Transport Authority and its amendments;

Law No. (1) of 2016 Concerning the Financial Regulations of the Government of Dubai and its Implementing Bylaw;

Law No. (23) of 2015 Concerning Disposition of Impounded Vehicles in the Emirate of Dubai;

Law No. (5) of 2021 Concerning the Dubai International Financial Centre;

Decree No. (22) of 2009 Concerning Special Development Zones in the Emirate of Dubai;

Executive Council Resolution No. (10) of 2015 Regulating the Use of Pedal Cycles in the Emirate of Dubai;

Executive Council Resolution No. (47) of 2017 Regulating the Activities of Transportation by, and Rental of, Vehicles in the Emirate of Dubai and its amendments;

Administrative Resolution No. (468) of 2019 Determining the Technical Requirements for Using Pedal Cycles and the Obligations of their Riders; and

The Legislation establishing and regulating free zones in the Emirate of Dubai,

Do hereby issue this Resolution.

Definitions

Article (1)

The following words and expressions, wherever mentioned in this Resolution, will have the meaning indicated opposite each of them unless the context implies otherwise:

Emirate:	The Emirate of Dubai.
RTA:	The Roads and Transport Authority.
DP:	The Dubai Police.
Director General:	The director general and chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the RTA.
Road:	Any public way in the Emirate on which traffic movement is allowed, including all types of roads, public squares, bridges, public car parks, pavements, and pedestrian crossings.
Vehicle:	A machine or mechanical device that runs on Roads and is propelled by a mechanical or electric engine, or by the physical power of its driver.
Cycle:	This includes Pedal Cycles, Electric Bikes, Electric Scooters, and any other type of cycles determined by the RTA.
Pedal Cycle:	A two- or more-wheeled Vehicle which is not equipped with an engine and is propelled by physical power of the Cyclist.
Electric Bike:	A two- or more-wheeled Vehicle which is equipped with an electric engine and propelled by that engine or by the physical power of the Cyclist.
Electric Scooter:	A two- or more-wheeled Vehicle which is equipped with an electric engine and propelled by that engine or by the physical power of the Cyclist; which is ridden standing up; and which has no seat.

Cycle Lane:	A Road lane designated by the RTA for Cycles, depending on the nature and uses of the Road and the type of Cycle.
Cyclist:	The rider of a Cycle, including a trainee Cyclist.
Rider's Permit:	A document issued by the RTA authorising a person to ride an Electric Scooter, or any other type of Cycles determined by the RTA, on the Cycle Lanes it designates.
Escort Vehicle:	A Vehicle designated for escorting Cyclists on Roads.
Group Training:	Training to ride Pedal Cycles or Electric Bikes on Roads which is undertaken by four (4) or more Cyclists under the supervision of a Trainer.
Independent Training:	Training to ride Pedal Cycles or Electric Bikes on Roads which is undertaken by less than four (4) Cyclists without the need for the supervision of a Trainer.
Variable Message Sign:	An electronic sign affixed to an Escort Vehicle on which warning messages to Cyclists can be displayed.

Scope of Application

Article (2)

The provisions of this Resolution apply in all zones across the Emirate, including in Special Development Zones and free zones, such as the Dubai International Financial Centre.

Objectives of the Resolution

Article (3)

This Resolution aims to:

1. contribute to transforming the Emirate into a Cycle-friendly city;

2. encourage the use of Cycles as a means of transport of passengers and goods;
3. regulate the use of Cycles in the Emirate;
4. preserve the environment;
5. reduce traffic congestion on Roads by encouraging the use of alternative means of transport for short distances instead of public transport and Vehicles; and
6. promote the physical and psychological health of individuals.

Functions of the RTA

Article (4)

For the purposes of achieving the objectives of this Resolution, the RTA will have the duties and powers to:

1. approve the requirements, standards, and manuals for the establishment and maintenance of Cycle Lanes;
2. designate and establish Cycle Lanes in the Emirate, install the information signs indicating these lanes, and display the instructions that must be followed by Cyclists when riding their Cycles on them;
3. prescribe the maximum speed limits on Cycle Lanes based on the type of lane;
4. approve the requirements that must be met by Cycles to ensure the security and safety of their users;
5. issue Rider's Permits in accordance with the conditions and procedures determined pursuant to the relevant resolution of the Director General;
6. establish the requirements, conditions, and rules regulating the use of Cycles in the Emirate, including the technical requirements that must be met by Cyclists;
7. establish the requirements and rules for training on riding Cycles;

8. coordinate with the DP and the concerned Government Entities, including the authorities supervising Special Development Zones and free zones, such as the Dubai International Financial Centre, on all matters related to regulating the use of Cycles, including designating Cycle Lanes within the areas falling within their jurisdiction; and
9. exercise any other duties or powers required for the achievement of the objectives of this Resolution.

Technical Requirements for Cycles

Article (5)

In addition to the technical standards adopted by the competent federal entities, the following technical requirements must be met by any Cycle ridden on the Cycle Lanes or in the areas determined by the RTA in the Emirate:

1. It must be fitted with a white headlight, a red tail light, and a red rear reflector.
2. It must be fitted with a bell mounted on the handlebar.
3. It must be fitted with front-wheel and rear-wheel brakes.
4. The size of the wheels must be proportionate to the overall size of the Cycle.
5. Tyres must be suitable for use on the relevant Road or Cycle Lane.
6. The size of the Cycle must be proportionate to the size of the Cyclist.
7. Any other technical requirements determined pursuant to the relevant resolutions of the Director General must be met.

Obligations of Cyclists

Article (6)

A Cyclist must:

1. comply with the legislation regulating Road traffic;

2. ride his Cycle only on the Cycle Lanes designated by the RTA;
3. not ride an Electric Scooter or any other type of Cycles determined by the RTA without obtaining a Rider's Permit;
4. not ride an Electric Scooter owned by an individual and designated for personal use except in the areas determined by the RTA;
5. not ride an Electric Scooter owned by a company and designated for rental purposes except on the Cycle Lanes determined by the RTA;
6. not exceed the speed limits prescribed by the RTA in the areas it designates for Electric Bikes and Electric Scooters;
7. not ride a Pedal Cycle or an Electric Bike on a Road with a speed limit of more than sixty kilometres per hour (60 kph);
8. not ride a Cycle on a lane designated for walking or jogging;
9. ride in a safe manner; observe public safety requirements; exercise caution and care; and avoid any acts that may endanger his life and safety or the life and safety of other persons, such as riding while holding onto a moving Vehicle or Trailer; riding without holding the handlebar or while holding the handlebar with only one hand, unless the Cyclist is signalling with his other hand; or zigzagging while riding the Cycle;
10. comply with the security and safety requirements prescribed by the RTA for riding Cycles, including wearing a reflective vest and a protective helmet;
11. not carry any passenger on the Pedal Cycle or Electric Bike unless the same is equipped for that purpose and the passenger is in compliance with the security and safety requirements prescribed by the RTA, including wearing a reflective vest and a protective helmet;
12. not carry any passenger on the Electric Scooter or carry any item that may cause the Cyclist to lose balance during the ride;
13. maintain a sufficient safety distance between his Cycle and other Vehicles or pedestrians;

14. park his Cycle only in the parking places designated for Cycles, if available; and not leave the Cycle in a manner that obstructs the traffic of Vehicles or pedestrians or hinders the use of public car parks;
15. comply with the instructions stated in the information signs installed on Roads and Cycle Lanes;
16. dismount and wheel the Cycle while using pedestrian crossings;
17. report any accident which is caused or sustained by him and which results in any injury or material damage by contacting the DP, the ambulance service, or the RTA on their dedicated telephone numbers. However, the Cyclist will be released from this obligation if he is proved unable to perform it;
18. always ride the Pedal Cycle or Electric Bike on the right-hand side of the Road; and ensure that the Road is clear, and signal with his hand, before changing lanes;
19. ride the Cycle with, and not against, traffic and only on Cycle Lanes;
20. ensure that the speed gear, brakes, and tyres of the Cycle are in a good working condition;
21. use the steady or flashing light of the Cycle in accordance with the relevant rules prescribed by the RTA;
22. wear cycling clothes and shoes;
23. not allow the towing of his Cycle by any Vehicle, and not use the Cycle for towing;
24. not add any major parts or make any substantial changes to his Cycle; and
25. perform any other obligations determined pursuant to the relevant resolutions of the Director General.

Group Training

Article (7)

Undertaking Group Training is subject to obtaining the approval of the RTA. This approval will be obtained in accordance with the following procedures and requirements:

1. The entity supervising the training must submit an application for a Group Training approval using the right of way services permit system adopted by the RTA.
2. The applicant for approval must:
 - a. provide the details of the entity or person supervising the Group Training, including a copy of the valid commercial licence in case of legal persons;
 - b. specify the number of trainee Cyclists. This number must not exceed twenty (20) Cyclists;
 - c. state the date and time of the training;
 - d. describe the route or planned course, which indicates the Roads on which the training will take place;
 - e. undertake to provide a number of front and back Escort Vehicles to escort the Cyclists as per the rules prescribed by the RTA, and ensure that these Vehicles are equipped with the following:
 1. a speaker and a microphone;
 2. a surveillance camera to record the training;
 3. Variable Message Signs; and
 4. a luminescent warning sign for riders of Pedal Cycles and Electric Bikes.
3. The applicant for approval must undertake to provide a Vehicle equipped with a first aid kit and manned with an emergency medical technician or a paramedic who is licensed or accredited by the competent entities in the Emirate.

4. The applicant for approval must undertake to ensure that a distance of no more than fifty (50) metres is always maintained between the first and last trainee Cyclists, that Cyclists travel at close speeds, and that the Cycles do not deviate from the route or planned course determined for them.
5. Evidence of the approval of the Group Training by the UAE Cycling Federation, the Dubai Sports Council, and the DP must be submitted.
6. Any other requirements or procedures determined pursuant to the relevant resolutions of the Director General must be satisfied.

Obligations of Entities Supervising Group Training

Article (8)

An entity supervising a Group Training must:

1. meet the conditions stipulated in the approval issued to it by the RTA;
2. notify the RTA, the DP, the Dubai Sports Council, the UAE Cycling Federation, and the Dubai Corporation for Ambulance Services of all the details related to Escort Vehicles;
3. provide the drivers of Escort Vehicles with the driving training prescribed by the RTA, in coordination with the UAE Cycling Federation;
4. ensure that a distance of no less than fifteen (15) metres is maintained between Escort Vehicles and Cyclists where they are riding Pedal Cycles at a low speed not exceeding thirty kilometres per hour (30 kph), and that a safe stopping distance is always maintained;
5. record the Group Training through a surveillance camera mounted on the rear side of the Escort Vehicle; and
6. perform any other obligations determined pursuant to the relevant resolutions of the Director General.

Prohibitions

Article (9)

For the purposes of this Resolution, the following acts are prohibited:

1. failure to comply with the conditions, requirements, and rules stipulated in this Resolution and the resolutions issued in pursuance hereof when riding a Cycle;
2. riding a Pedal Cycle by a person who is under the age of twelve (12) years without being accompanied by a Cyclist aged at least eighteen (18) years;
3. riding an Electric Bike, an Electric Scooter, or any other type of Cycles determined by the RTA by a person who is under the age of sixteen (16) years;
4. riding an Electric Scooter without obtaining a Rider's Permit;
5. failure to obtain the prior approval of the RTA prior to undertaking a Group Training;
6. undertaking Independent Training; and
7. obstructing traffic on a Cycle Lane in any manner whatsoever.

Penalties and Administrative Measures

Article (10)

- a. Without prejudice to any stricter penalty stipulated in any other resolution, a person who commits any of the violations set forth in the Schedule attached to this Resolution will be punished by the fine indicated opposite that violation.
- b. In addition to the penalty of a fine prescribed in paragraph (a) of this Article, the RTA may, in cases where the committed violation poses a threat to the safety of Cyclists, Vehicles, or pedestrians, take any of the following measures:
 1. impounding the Cycle for thirty (30) days upon repetition of the same violation within one (1) year from the date of the previous violation. In that case, the provisions applicable

to the impoundment of Vehicles in the legislation in force in the Emirate will apply to the impoundment of Cycles; and/ or

2. banning the riding of the Cycle for the period prescribed by the RTA.
- c. Where a person whose age is below eighteen (18) years commits any of the violations set forth in the Schedule attached to this Resolution, his custodian or care-giver must pay the fine prescribed for the committed violation. Where the fine is not paid for any reason whatsoever, the Cycle will be impounded, and the provisions applicable to impoundment of Vehicles in the legislation in force in the Emirate will apply to this impoundment.

Law Enforcement Entity

Article (11)

- a. The DP is the entity responsible for recording the acts committed in breach of the provisions of this Resolution and the resolutions issued in pursuance hereof.
- b. In coordination with the DP, the RTA may, through its employees who are granted the law enforcement capacity pursuant to a resolution of the Director General, record the acts committed in breach of the provisions of this Resolution and the resolutions issued in pursuance hereof. In this capacity, they may issue the necessary violation reports; and, where necessary, seek the assistance of the DP personnel.

Grievances

Article (12)

Any affected party may submit a written grievance to the Director General against any decision, procedure, or measure taken against him under this Resolution, within thirty (30) days from the date of being notified of the contested decision, procedure, or measure. The grievance will be determined, within thirty (30) days from the date of its submission, by a committee formed by the Director General for this purpose, and the decision issued by the committee in respect of the grievances will be final.

Payment of Fines

Article (13)

The fines collected pursuant to this Resolution will be paid to the Public Treasury of the Government of Dubai.

Issuing Implementing Resolutions

Article (14)

The Director General will issue the resolutions required for the implementation of this Resolution. These resolutions will be published in the Official Gazette.

Repeals

Article (15)

- a. The above-mentioned Executive Council Resolution No. (10) of 2015 is hereby repealed. Any provision in any other resolution will also be repealed to the extent that it contradicts the provisions of this Resolution.
- b. The above-mentioned Administrative Resolution No. (468) of 2019 will continue in force, to the extent that it does not contradict this Resolution, until a new superseding administrative resolution is issued.

Publication and Commencement

Article (16)

This Resolution will be published in the Official Gazette and will come into force on the day on which it is published.

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Crown Prince of Dubai

Chairman of the Executive Council

Issued in Dubai on 14 March 2022

Corresponding to 11 Shaban 1443 A.H.

Schedule

Violations and Fines Related to Using Cycles

SN	Violation	Fine (in dirhams)
1	Failure by a Cyclist to comply with the obligation to ride his Cycle only in the Cycle Lanes determined by the RTA	200.00
2	Riding a Pedal Cycle or an Electric Bike on a Road with a speed limit of more than sixty kilometres per hour (60 kph)	300.00
3	Riding a Cycle in a manner that endangers the life and safety of the Cyclist or other persons	300.00
4	Riding or leaving a Cycle on a lane designated for walking or jogging	200.00
5	Using an Electric Scooter, or any other type of Cycles determined by the RTA, without first obtaining a Rider's Permit	200.00

6	Carrying a passenger on a Pedal Cycle or an Electric Bike that is not fitted with the required equipment, or failure by a Cyclist or passenger to wear the required vest and helmet	200.00
7	Failure to comply with the speed limits prescribed by the RTA for Cycle Lanes	100.00
8	Carrying a passenger on an Electric Scooter	300.00
9	Failure by a Cyclist to meet the security and safety requirements prescribed in this Resolution and the resolutions issued in pursuance hereof	200.00
10	Riding a Cycle which does not meet the technical requirements stipulated in this Resolution and the resolutions issued in pursuance hereof	300.00
11	Parking a Cycle at other than the parking places designated for this purpose, or parking a Cycle in a manner that obstructs the traffic of Vehicles or pedestrians or in a manner that constitutes a hazard to Road users	200.00
12	Failure to comply with the instructions displayed on the information signs on Roads and Cycle Lanes	200.00
13	Riding a Pedal Cycle by a person who is under the age of twelve (12) years without being accompanied by a Cyclist who is aged at least eighteen (18) years	200.00
14	Failure to dismount the Cycle when on a pedestrian crossing	200.00
15	Failure by a Cyclist to report to the RTA, the DP, or the ambulance service any accident caused or sustained by him which results in any injury or material damage	300.00

16	Using the left-hand side of the Road when riding a Pedal Cycle or an Electric Bike, or failure to ensure that the Road is clear before changing lanes	200.00
17	Riding against traffic	200.00
18	Parking or driving a Vehicle, or attempting to obstruct traffic, on a Cycle Lane	300.00
19	Having the Cycle towed by a Vehicle or using the Cycle for towing	300.00
20	Failure by an entity supervising Group Training to obtain the RTA's prior approval of the training	AED 200.00 per person
21	Undertaking Independent Training	AED 100.00 per person

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^[1]Every effort has been made to produce an accurate and complete English version of this legislation. However, for the purpose of its interpretation and application, reference must be made to the original Arabic text. In case of conflict, the Arabic text will prevail.