**Associated Student Government**

*University of Arkansas*

*ASG Senate Resolution No. 04*

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**A Resolution to Implement/Amend Clear Rules**

**and Regulations for the Use of Bicycles around Campus**

Whereas, The City of Fayetteville and the University of Arkansas, has seen an increase in use of Bicycles with the partnership with the bicycle sharing service, VeoRide which saw almost 500 rides per day1 originating from the University of Arkansas. With VeoRide continuing to invest in the cycling infrastructure and programming at the University of Arkansas, they will help to contribute towards the goal of the university to become a carbon neutral institution by 2040 with; and

Whereas, In September 2018, VeoRide made 340 standard and electric assist bikes available for use in the city and around campus. The use of cycling as a mode of transportation is expected to increase around the university campus, with the bicycles available to all university affiliates at a discounted rate with a predicted 1000 rides per day1 with just VeoRide bicycles by the Fall of 2019; and

Whereas, The City of Fayetteville Municipal Code2, has an entire chapter dedicated to rules and regulations for safe operation of bicycles in the City of Fayetteville, with specific protocol and guideline the be followed by cyclists to ensure the safety of not only the cyclist but also for the safety of pedestrians and motorists; and

Whereas, The University of Arkansas lacks sufficient official specific University of Arkansas regulations to ensure the safety of the cyclist and the pedestrians and motorists. The only regulations specific to the University of Arkansas available are encouraged etiquette and guidelines provide by the University of Arkansas Office of Sustainability3. These guidelines only provide a limited protocol for equipment and limited guidelines for proper courtesy for signaling when turning and passing motorist and/or pedestrians. The document does provide a link to the The City of Fayetteville Municipal Code2; however, the university specific regulations do not provide the same amount of in depth guidelines like the municipal code; and

Whereas, The university of Arkansas lacks proper accessibility to the current cycling rules leaving students unware of all rules and regulations they must follow

Be it therefore resolved: That the Associated Student Government Undergraduate Senate supports the amelioration of the cycling experience for cyclists, motorists, and pedestrians on campus; and

Be it further resolved: That a new set of rules and regulation for the use of bicycles on campus be drafted in accordance to that of the state biking laws which are enforceable5. These new rules be made easily accessible and available to all university of Arkansas affiliates including on the University of Arkansas Office of Sustainability, and the website of University of Arkansas Parking and Transit; then

Be it further resolved That more university specific recommendations that are not state law are made accessible and available to all university of Arkansas affiliates including on the University of Arkansas Office of Sustainability, and the website of University of Arkansas Parking and Transit.

Be it further Resolved By setting more university specific cycling guidelines and regulation like that of the municipal code and making them more accessible and available to all university affiliates, this will experience of the cyclist, motorist and pedestrians more safe and enjoyable; then

Be it ultimately resolved: That a copy of this legislation be sent to Director of Parking and Transit Gary Smith, Director of Sustainability Eric Boles, and Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, Dane Eifling.

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Amendments:

Vote Count: Aye 50 Nay 0 Abstentions

Legislation Status: Passed X Failed­ Other

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J.P. Gairhan, ASG President Date

1. VeoRide statistics provided by VeoRide on September 28, 2018
2. The City of Fayetteville Municipal Code Title VII Ch.73 <https://library.municode.com/ar/fayetteville/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CD_ORD_TITVIITRCO_CH73BI>
3. University of Arkansas Office of Sustainability: Guide to Bikes on Campus-Safety & Etiquette https://bike.uark.edu/safety.php
4. Guidelines Supplement Document
5. Rules and Regulation Supplement Document