

TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM
PO Box 220
Block Island, RI 02807

BICYCLE RENTAL APPLICATION
Fee: \$5.00 per Rental Bike

Please return this completed application and the appropriate fee to the Town Clerk's Office. Current bicycle licenses expire on December 1st of each calendar year. If you rent bicycles at more than one location, please use a separate application for each location. All new bicycle rental sites require a Zoning Special Use Permit. The Building Official will insure compliance with Section 412 of the Town of New Shoreham Zoning Ordinance.

Name of Company: _____

Company Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **E-mail address:** _____

Location of rental bikes: (Plat) _____ **(Lot)** _____ **Street** _____

Number of rental bikes: _____ **Required Site Plan Attached**

Renewal Application or

New Application (Please attach Zoning approval) or

Transfer Application (Please attach Zoning approval)

Town of New Shoreham Zoning Ordinance, Effective June 17, 1994

Criteria for Special Use Permits (Section 412-Bicycle Rental): Bicycle Rental shall conform to the following:

A. Location: Bicycle rental facilities shall be located entirely on private property and shall be operated so as not to interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

B. Size: No bicycle rental facility shall have more than fifty (50) bicycles available for rental per 5000 square feet of lot area, except that, this number of bicycles may be doubled where such a facility completely replaces a non-conforming motorized vehicle rental facility.

Amended Ordinances, Town of New Shoreham, Chapter 8, Licenses and Business Regulations

Sec. 8-200 License required. No person, firm or corporation shall hire out, rent or lease, or allow to be rented or leased from their property, any bicycle to any members of the general public without first having obtained a license from the Town Clerk.

(Please see other side for required signature)

Sec. 8-201 Licenses fees and application. (a) Application for a bicycle rental license shall be made on a form to be supplied by the Town Clerk. (b) The fee for a license shall be set by the Town Council.

Sec. 8-202 Expiration. Any and all licenses issued under this article shall expire December 1 of each calendar year unless renewed.

Sec. 8-203 “Bicycle” defined. For the purposes of this article, “bicycle” shall be defined as a vehicle with wheels propelled solely by human muscular power with no other means of power provided. This section shall not apply to rental vehicles propelled in whole or in part by other means of power when such vehicles replace motorized vehicles authorized in article IV of this chapter, motorized bicycles, motorized tricycles, or motor scooters, commonly called “mopeds”.

Sec. 8-204 Equipment and repair Any bicycle rented, or offered for rent, under the license issued under this article shall be properly equipped, as required by Rhode Island General Law 21-19-10 and shall be maintained in proper adjustment and repair.

Sec. 8-205 Helmets (a) A person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of renting bicycles shall provide protective bicycle helmets as defined in Section 8-205(b) of this ordinance, to any person who will operate the bicycle, or who will be a passenger on a bicycle, if such person does not have a helmet in his or her possession. (b) For purposes of this section, an approved protective helmet is defined as follows: the helmet shall fit the persons head and shall be secured to the person’s head by straps. The helmet shall meet the standards for helmets establish by Snell Memorial Foundation’s nineteen hundred and eighty-four (1984) standard for use in bicycling or subsequent standards: standards established by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) or subsequent standards: or standards established by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) or subsequent standards. In no event shall failure to wear a helmet be considered as a contributory or comparative negligence, nor shall the failure to wear a helmet be admissible as evidence in the trial of any civil action. (c) A violation of this section shall carry a penalty of \$50.00 for the first offense and \$100.00 for each subsequent offense.

Sec. 8-206 Display A person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of renting bicycles shall post literature explaining rules of the road for bicycle use and listing Rhode Island and New Shoreham laws regarding bicycles.

I have read section 412 of the Town’s Zoning Ordinance, and Chapter 8, Section 8-200 through 8-206 of the Town’s General Ordinances, and attest that I comply with the standards set forth for the bicycles, as set forth in this application.

Applicant’s Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please print your name and title: _____

Zoning Official Approval: _____ **Date:** _____