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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 12. TRAFFIC CODE.

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CHAPTER 12-800. BICYCLE REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES.

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§ 12-804. Riding on Roadways and Bicycle Paths.

(1) Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. Persons riding two abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic.

(2) Persons riding bicycles on roads without designated bicycle lanes shall share the road and not

impede the normal and reasonable movement of vehicle traffic.

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§ 12-811. Penalty.

(1) Any person violating any of the provisions of Chapter 12-800 shall, upon summary conviction before a Magistrate, pay a fine of seventy-five dollars ($75) together with costs of prosecution, except as otherwise provided by Section 12-807 or 75 Pa. C.S. § 6301.

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§ 12-813. Bicycle Lane.

(1) Any person operating a bicycle shall ride in designated bicycle lanes when available.

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CHAPTER 12-900. PARKING REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES.

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§ 12-913. Prohibitions in Specified Places.

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(1) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to protect the safety of any person or vehicle or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officers or official traffic-control device, no person shall:

(a) Stop, stand or park a vehicle:

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(xi) On a designated bicycle lane.

(b) Stand or park a vehicle:

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(ix) On a designated bicycle lane.

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CHAPTER 12-2800. ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF PARKING VIOLATIONS.

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§12-2809. Civic Penalties and Costs.

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(2) Basic Penalties.

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(a) Any person violating the following provisions of Title 12, shall, upon a final finding of liability pursuant to this Chapter 12-2800, and except as set forth in subsection 12-2809(2)(b), be liable for payment of the civil penalty indicated, in addition to the costs and fees set forth in subsection 12-2809 (1):

Code Provision	Violation Description	Penalty
	* * *	
12-913 (1) (a)	Stopping, Standing, Parking - Prohib Place	
	* * *	
	(xi) Block Bicycle Lane	*$200.00*
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12-913 (1) (a)	Standing, Parking - Prohib Place	
	* * *	
	(xi) Block Bicycle Lane	*$200.00*
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12-913(1)(c)	Parking - Prohib Place	
	* * *	
	(iii) Block Bicycle Lane	[$50.00] *$200.00*
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(b) Any person violating the following provisions of Title 12 in the Center City area, bound by Spring Garden street, Bainbridge street, the Schuylkill River and the Delaware River, or in the University City area, bounded by the Schuylkill River on the east, University avenue/Woodland avenue on the south, Fortieth street on the west, and by a line along Filbert street, between Fortieth street and Thirty-fourth street, along Thirty-fourth street to Arch street, along Arch street, between Thirty-fourth street and the Schuylkill River, on the north, shall, upon a final finding of liability pursuant to this Chapter 12-2800, be liable for the payment of the civil penalty indicated, in addition to the costs and fees set forth in subsection 12-2809(1):

Code Provision	Violation Description	Penalty
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12-913(1)(c)	Parking - Prohib Place	
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(iii) Block Bicycle Lane. . . . . [$75.00] *$300.00*

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Explanation:
[Brackets] indicate language deleted.
Italics indicate new language added.