

BIKE SHARE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RIDER should CAREFULLY READ all terms and conditions before entering into this Agreement

1. PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

This document constitutes the entire Agreement (“Agreement”) between (a) the person agreeing to use the bike (“RIDER”), and (b) the Bowie State University (“OPERATOR”).

WARNING: By entering into this Agreement, RIDER is permitted certain limited use of bikes provided by OPERATOR, but, in consideration of the rental and use of the Bike, RIDER also WAIVES and RELEASES certain rights and claims, and ACCEPTS certain responsibilities.

2. GENERAL USE OF BIKE: AGREEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS

2.1 GENERAL: OPERATOR expressly agrees to let, and the RIDER expressly agrees to take on, use of the bike subject to the terms and conditions set out herein. OPERATOR and the RIDER are the only parties to this Agreement. The RIDER is the sole lessee and is solely responsible for compliance with all terms and conditions contained herein.

2.2 RIDER is 18 or older: RIDER presents to OPERATOR that RIDER is at least 18 years old. If RIDER intentionally or unintentionally misrepresents RIDER’s age, RIDER accepts full responsibility and is liable for any consequences, claims, demand, causes of action, losses, liabilities, financial and property damages, injuries, costs and expenses, penalties, judgments, suits, or disbursements of any kind or nature whatsoever related to any such intentional or unintentional misrepresentation.

2.3 RIDER is a competent bike operator: RIDER represents and certified that he/she is physically fit to ride the Bike and also that RIDER is familiar with the operation of the Bike and is reasonably competent to ride the Bike.

2.4 Bike is exclusive property of OPERATOR: RIDER agrees that the Bike and any equipment attached thereto, at all times, remains the exclusive property of OPERATOR. RIDER will not make any type of modification to the Bike at any time. Bike will be assigned an ID number.

2.5 Bike Availability: RIDER agrees and acknowledges that Bikes are limited and Bike Stations may not have available Bikes for rental at all times. Bikes will not be available during certain holidays and holiday breaks. Bikes availability will also be based on scheduled hours of operation which may be subject to change.

2.6 RIDER must follow rules of use and/or operation of bike: RIDER agrees to follow all laws pertaining to the use, riding and/or operation of the Bike, including all state and local laws and the rules and regulations pertaining to bicycles RIDER certifies that he/she is familiar with the laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to the use, riding and/or operating of the Bike before using the Bike including Maryland bicycle safety and Maryland traffic laws. RIDER acknowledges and understands that OPERATOR does not provide training regarding the use or operation of the Bike.

2.7 RIDER acknowledges that helmets may be available from OPERATOR, but in any event are strongly recommended: RIDER acknowledges that helmets may be provided by OPERATOR on a first come first served basis. Helmets are recommended as protective gear. RIDER agrees that, for and in consideration of use of the Bike, OPERATOR, its officers, agencies, departments, agents, and employees shall not be responsible or liable for damages for any physical injuries sustained by RIDER as a result of RIDERS failure to wear a helmet or to wear a properly fitted or fastened helmet.

2.8 RIDER must inspect Bike before use, riding and/or operating of Bike: RIDER agrees to ensure that the Bike is in proper working order BEFORE using the Bike and while within 20 feet of the OPERATOR Bike Station. RIDER agrees to examine and test the Bike’s operating parts including but not limited to: the lights, steering apparatus, tires and chain, and pedals, before using/or operating the Bike. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list. RIDER

agrees to adjust bike seat to fit physique. RIDER agrees, before using and/or operating the Bike, to contact and notify OPERATOR of any and all repairs that the Bike may need. If inspection and initial testing of the Bike indicates any defect, damage or failure to operate as a normal Bike, RIDER shall not use and/or operate the Bike.

2.9 RIDER must not use, ride and/or operate Bike if impaired: RIDER agrees that he/she will not, under and circumstances, use, ride and/or operate the Bike if he/she has consumed, ingested and/or used alcohol or drugs and/or has a blood alcohol concentration at or above the jurisdictional limit prescribed.

2.10 RIDER must not use, ride and/or operate Bike in inclement or dangerous weather: RIDER agrees that he/she will not, under any circumstance, use, ride, and/or operate the Bike in inclement or dangerous weather, including but not limited to severe lightning storms, tornados, hurricanes, icy conditions, fog, and /or heavy rain, hail or snowfall.

2.11 Bike is intended for only limited types of use: RIDER agrees that he/she will not use the Bike for racing, mountain bike riding, stunt or trick riding. RIDER agrees that he/she will not operate and/or use the Bike on unpaved roads, through water, or in any location that is prohibited, illegal and/or a nuisance to others. RIDER agrees that he/she will not use the Bike for hire or reward, nor use it in violation of any law, ordinance or regulation, including Maryland bicycle safety and Maryland traffic laws.

2.12 Bike must not be used by or with others: RIDER must not allow any third party to use the Bike, which is the property of OPERATOR, in any way whatsoever, while the Bike is rented by the RIDER. RIDER agrees that he/she will not carry and/or transport any person or passengers on the Bike under any circumstances. RIDER shall not add any kind of seat or modification to allow someone to ride on any part of the Bike. RIDER agrees that he/she will not allow any person, other than RIDER, to use, ride and/or operate the Bike while the Bike is in Rider's rental possession.

2.13 RIDER's use of front and/or rear carrier/basket is limited: RIDER agrees that he/she will not fill the carrier/basket (if applicable) with heavy items as this may create an unsafe condition and affect RIDER's balance and steering control. RIDER acknowledges that the carrier/basket of the Bike is intended to carry light goods only.

2.14 RIDER must not push or pull objects with the Bike: RIDER agrees that he/she will not pull or push anything with the Bike as this may create an unsafe condition and lead to steering defects, misalignment of the frame or cause undue "wear and tear" on the tires.

2.15 RIDER must return Bike to Bike Station of origin: RIDER must return the rented Bike back to the Bike Station of origin, unless otherwise specified in the program rules. Upon review by the OPERATOR, RIDER may be responsible for any costs for recovery and return of Bikes left at locations other than Bike Station of origin.

2.16 RIDER must report stolen or lost Bike: RIDER agrees that he/she must immediately report to OPERATOR and BSU Police a stolen or lost Bike. RIDER agrees that he/she may be responsible and liable for any misuse, consequences, claims, demands, causes of action, losses, liabilities, damages, injuries, costs and expenses, penalties, attorney's fees, judgments, suits, or disbursements of any kind or nature whatsoever related to a stolen or lost Bike based on the review conducted by the OPERATOR.

2.17 RIDER responsibility related to Bike use and damage: RIDER agrees to return the Bike to OPERATOR in the same condition received, ordinary wear and tear expected. RIDER agrees to ensure that the Bike is always locked and secured when unattended. If Bike is damaged upon rental return, RIDER may be charged a fee. Fees can range from \$10-\$80.

2.18 RIDER agrees to conditions regarding payment for unreturned, damaged, lost or stolen Bike: If RIDER fails to return Bike within permitted time of use, OPERATOR reserves the rights to cancel RIDER's use of the system, to charge a penalty if the Bike is not returned within 24 hours, or to charge the RIDER a \$65 fee if the Bike is not returned within 48 hours. If Bike is stolen, RIDER must immediately call BSU Campus Safety to file a police report. Failure to report the stolen bicycle as soon as discovered may result in a \$65 fine. If the loss is reported right away, the fine will be waived unless the user is found in unlawful possession of the bike. For the purposes of this section, two concurrent rental periods separated by less than 10 minutes will be considered a single rental period.

2.19 RIDER is responsible for all reasonable care of Bike while in RIDER'S possession: If RIDER fails to properly secure Bike while in their possession, beginning from the time they checkout the Bike until the time that they complete the return process, OPERATOR reserves the rights to cancel RIDER's use of the system.

2.20 RIDER responsibility for acts of destruction; recovery of costs; prosecution: RIDER agrees that any willful or negligent act of destruction of the Bike and/or OPERATOR property will result in prosecution to the fullest extent of the law and OPERATOR will seek the recovery of all costs and administration charges from RIDER, to include attorney's fees.

2.21 RIDER responsibility for fines, fees, tickets: RIDER agrees that he/she is solely responsible and will not hold OPERATOR and/or OPERATOR parties liable for any moving violation, fines, and/or illegal activities incurred by RIDER while using, riding and/or operating the Bike. RIDER agrees to pay OPERATOR on demand all fines, and court costs, including administrative fees for parking, bus lane, traffic or other legal and moving violations assessed against the bike, the RIDER or OPERATOR during the rental or use of the Bike by RIDER. RIDER agrees to pay OPERATOR for any costs, expenses and/or attorney's fees for processing, pursuing and/or defending any such claims.

2.22 RIDER agrees to report any accidents and/or incidents: RIDER agrees that in the event of an accident and/or incident, RIDER will report facts to OPERATOR in writing. This shall occur no later than seven (7) days of any such incident and/or accident.

2.23 No insurance provided to RIDER under this Agreement: RIDER acknowledges and understands that OPERATOR does not provide any insurance to cover property damage, personal injury, injury to others, damages, expenses, penalties, losses, costs, or any type of payment or coverage of any kind or nature whatsoever.

3. WAIVER AND/OR LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

3.1 For and in consideration of the use of the Bike, RIDER specifically forever releases and relinquishes and discharges OPERATOR and each and every representative, agent, servant, employee, officer or director of OPERATOR from any and all claims, liability, cause(s) of action and/or damages, including for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death, injury to others and/or third parties, which arise out of, result from or relate to this Agreement, the maintenance, assembly, design, use and/or operation of the Bike; and/or the OPERATOR program, including any and all claims, liability, cause(s) of action and/or damages related to the sole or partial negligence of OPERATOR and/or the negligence of others. By this agreement any such claims, rights, and causes of action that RIDER (and RIDER'S legal guardian(s), if applicable) may have are hereby waived, released and relinquished, and RIDER (and guardian(s), if applicable) does (do) so on behalf of RIDER's heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

4.1 RIDER expressly acknowledges and accepts that RIDER rides at his/her own Risk. RIDER accepts the Bike for use, exercising his/her own free choice to participate voluntarily in this activity. RIDER promises to take due care during such participation, use and/or operation of the Bike. RIDER understands that bicycling is a hazardous activity. RIDER acknowledges, understands and assumes all risks relating to the maintenance, design, use and/or the operation of the Bike and understands that bicycling involves risks to the RIDER and others including bodily injury, partial or total disability, paralysis and death, and damages which may arise there from and that RIDER has full knowledge of said risks and dangers. OPERATOR will provide bicycle protective helmets with bike rentals. RIDER understands that bicycle protective gear is not required, but is highly recommended. RIDER understands that such gear, even when used, does not eliminate the risk of injury in the event of an accident.

4.2 RIDER acknowledges that there may be risks and dangers not known to RIDER or not reasonably foreseeable at this time related to bicycling, maintenance, design, use and/or operation of the Bike, and RIDER assumes responsibility for any and all such risks and dangers. RIDER acknowledges and understands that risks and dangers related to the maintenance, design, use and/or operation of the Bike may be caused by the negligence of the RIDER or the negligence of others, including OPERATOR and/or RELEASED PARTIES. RIDER assumes responsibility for all such risks and dangers.

4.3 RIDER freely and expressly assumes and accepts any risks and all injury to RIDER, RIDER's personal property, and any others injured or damages as a result of the maintenance, design, and use and/or operation of the Bike. RIDER acknowledges, understands and agrees that all of the risks and dangers related to the maintenance, design, use and/or operation of the Bike, including those caused by the negligence of others, are included within the waiver, release and relinquishment of liability described in paragraph Three (3) of this Agreement.

5. INDEMNIFICATION

In consideration for the use of the Bike, RIDER expressly agrees to indemnify, defend, protect and hold harmless OPERATOR against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, losses, liabilities, damages, injuries, costs and expenses, penalties, attorney's fees, judgments, suits, including claims brought by a third party, or disbursement of any kind or nature whatsoever related to, resulting from, regarding and/or referencing this Agreement, the maintenance, design, use and/or operation of the Bike; the OPERATOR program; and/or this website, even where caused in whole or in part by OPERATOR's negligence, and/or the negligence of others, whether presently known or unknown.

6. NO WARRANTY

OPERATOR itself provides no warranties express or implied. There is no warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, and the Bike and OPERATOR equipment are accepted "AS IS".

7. JURISDICTION: GOVERNING LAW FOR ANY PROCEEDINGS

RIDER expressly agrees that any proceeding, dispute, claim or controversy arising out of, resulting from and/or relating to this Agreement, the maintenance, design, use and/or operation of the Bike; the OPERATOR program; and/or this website, shall be construed in accordance with and governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Maryland, without respect to its conflict of laws principles. RIDER expressly agrees to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts presiding in the State of Maryland. OPERATOR may assign its right and duties under this Agreement to any party at any time without notice to RIDER.

8. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

OPERATOR may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, legal process, or notice to the RIDER. RIDER waives all claims, causes of actions, expenses, and/or damages connected and/or related to any such termination.

9. NO WAIVER

OPERATOR's failure to insist upon or enforce strict performance of any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any provision or right. Neither the course of conduct between the parties nor trade practice shall act to modify any part of this Agreement. No waiver by OPERATOR shall be construed as a waiver of any proceeding or succeeding breach of any provision in this Agreement.

10. SEVERABILITY

Each provision of this Agreement, including an exclusions or limitations of liability, shall be construed separately, applying and surviving even if for any reason any provision in this Agreement is held to be inapplicable or unenforceable under any circumstance.

12. ENTIRE AGREEMENT: COMPLETE AGREEMENT; CHANGES TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

This Agreement, the Membership Agreement, and the BSU Bike Share Program Guidelines (collectively, "Agreements") constitute the final and entire Agreements between OPERATOR and RIDER. These Agreements represents the entire understanding between OPERATOR and RIDER and prevails over any prior or contemporaneous, conflicting or additional, communications, unless OPERATOR revises or modifies the

Agreements. OPERATOR shall have the right to revise, change, and modify the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement at any time without prior written notification by posting the revised Agreement on the Site. RIDER shall be solely responsible for reviewing and becoming familiar with any modification to this Agreement. Use and/or operation of the Bike by RIDER following any modifications to this Agreement constitutes RIDER's acceptance of the Terms and Conditions as modified.

13. ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF RIDER

RIDER expressly acknowledges that he/she has carefully read the entire Agreement, including the Terms and Conditions, and understands this Agreement, including but not limited to the Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnification Provisions, fully and expressly agrees to be bound by this Agreement. After careful deliberation, RIDER voluntarily gives his/hers consent and expressly agrees to all the conditions included in this Agreement as set forth above.

BY SIGNING THE SIGNATURE LINE, RIDER AGREES THAT RIDER HAS READ, UNDERSTANDS AND EXPRESSLY AGREES TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Accepted and Agreed,

RIDER

OPERATOR

Signature

Signature

Printed Name

Date

Printed Name

Date