My Code of Conduct as a CYCLIST

1. I am courteous and polite to all road users.
2. I obey all traffic laws, including stopping at STOP signs or red lights.
3. I ride in the same direction as other traffic.
4. I “take the lane” when I am traveling at the speed of traffic or when the lane is too narrow to share (less than 14’ wide).
5. I ride to the right when the road is wide enough to safely share.
6. I allow motorists to pass when they are lined up behind me, and I don’t needlessly block the road.
7. I look behind me before passing or changing lanes.
8. I communicate my intentions to other road users.
9. I make myself visible by wearing bright colors (neon yellow or white is best), riding in a position on the road where motorists are more likely to see me, and using lights and retroreflective materials at night.
10. I ride predictably; I don’t weave or make sudden position changes.

My Code of Conduct as a MOTORIST

1. I am courteous and polite to all road users.
2. I provide at least three feet of space between my vehicle and the bicyclist when passing, and I pass only when it is safe to do so.
3. I expect cyclists to follow the rules of the road—I don’t waive them through at stop signs, for instance, but treat them as I would any other vehicle operators.
4. I look for cyclists before exiting a parking space or driveway.
5. I look for cyclists when making left turns— it’s easy to misjudge the speed of an oncoming cyclist.
6. I LOOK for cyclists whenever I’m driving.
7. I never pass a cyclist and then make an immediate right turn.
8. I yield to cyclists who have the right of way, just as I would yield to another motorist.
9. I treat cyclists as I would treat any slow moving vehicle operator, such as a tractor or service vehicle.
10. I don’t honk my horn needlessly at cyclists—they know when I’m behind them.