CHAPTER 73: TOY VEHICLES

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§ 73.01 PURPOSE.

The purpose of this chapter is to protect the public health and safety arising out of the use of skateboards, roller blades, roller skates, roller skis and scooters within the city. The City Council finds that the operation and use of skateboards, roller blades, roller slates, roller skis and scooters creates an unnecessary potential danger to either the user of such devices or the general public and that the use of said devices in an improper manner may cause destruction of property.
(Ord. 169, passed 11-8-95)

§ 73.02 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

ROLLER DEVICE. Any one of the following devices:

(1) ***ROLLER SKATES AND ROLLER BLADES*** means a shoe with wheels attached or a device with wheels which is designed to be attached to a shoe;

(2) ***SKATEBOARD MEANS*** a wheeled self-propelled and manually propelled device to transport a rider which device is not otherwise secured to the rider's feet or shoes;

(3) ***ROLLER SKIS*** means a pair of skis platformed with wheels attached which is intended to simulate skiing;

(4) ***SCOOTER*** means a foot-operated vehicle consisting of a narrow board mounted between two wheels, tandem, with an upright steering handle attached to the front wheel;

(5) ***OPERATE*** means to ride or control the operation of a skateboard, roller skates, roller blades, roller skis or scooter;

(6) ***OPERATOR*** means every person who operates or is in actual physical control of a skateboard, roller skates, roller blades, roller skis or scooter.
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§ 73.03 OBSERVATION OF RULES OF THE ROAD.

(A) Any person who is using any roller device on any of the streets or roadways within the city must observe the same rules of the road as required of bicycles pursuant to M.S. § 169.222, as amended from time to time.

(B) No person operating a skateboard, roller skates, roller blades, roller skis or scooter shall attach the same or the person of the operator to any vehicles upon a roadway.

(C) Every person operating a skateboard, roller skates, roller blades, roller skis or scooter upon a roadway shall ride as close as possible to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway.

(D) No person shall use a skateboard, roller skates, roller blades, roller skis or scooter upon a public street, sidewalk or other roadway after sunset and before sunrise.

(E) No person shall ride or use a skateboard, roller skates, roller blades, roller skis or scooter in any careless, reckless or negligent manner as to endanger or be likely to endanger the safety of any person or property of any other person.

(F) No person shall ride or use a skateboard, roller skates, roller blades, roller skis or scooter on any public sidewalks, street or any public parking lot situated in the downtown commercial area.

(G) No person shall ride or use a skateboard, roller skates, roller blades, roller skis or scooter on private property of another without the express permission to do so by the owner or occupant of said property.
(Ord. 169, passed 11-8-95) Penalty, see § 73.99

§ 73.04 FUTURE RESTRICTIONS.

The City Council may, in the future, by resolution, prohibit the use of skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, roller skis or scooters in areas of the city.
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§ 73.99 PENALTY.

Any person who violates any provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor as defined in M.S. § 609.02, subd. 02(4a), as may be amended from time to time. Any peace officer who observes any person violating any provisions of this chapter is authorized to seize the offender's skateboard, roller skates, roller blades, roller skis or scooter and to hold the same at Olmsted County Law Enforcement. If an adult, may secure the return of the article seized after 24 hours have elapsed since the seizure. In the case of a minor, the article seized shall be returned only to the parent or guardian of such minor offender after 24 hours have elapsed since the seizure.
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