

CHAPTER 76

SKATEBOARDS, ROLLER SKATES AND COASTERS

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76.01 DEFINITIONS. The following terms are defined for use in this chapter:

1. “Skateboard” means a footboard mounted on wheels and is usually propelled by the user, who sometimes stands, sits, kneels, or lies upon the device while it is in motion.
2. “Roller skates” means a pair of shoes, mounted on wheels and is most often propelled by the user in an upright, standing position or kneeling.
3. “Coaster” means a footboard mounted upon wheels and which is controlled by an upright steering handle. This device is most often propelled by the user in an upright position.
4. “Operate in a negligent manner” means the operation of a skateboard, roller skates, or coaster on any roadway, sidewalk, or publicly owned parking lot in such a manner as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property. Examples of operating in a negligent manner include (but are not limited to) failure to obey all traffic control devices, and failure to yield right-of-way to pedestrians and/or vehicular traffic.
5. “Operator” means anyone who utilizes, controls, rides, or in any manner propels a skateboard, roller skates, or coaster.

76.02 TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES. Any person operating a skateboard, roller skates, or coaster shall obey the instructions of official traffic control signals, signs, and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by police officer.

76.03 OPERATION.

1. No skateboard, roller skates or coaster shall be ridden in a negligent manner but should be operated with reasonable regard for the safety of the operator, other persons, and property.
2. No person shall operate any skateboard, roller skates or coaster upon any street, sidewalk, or publicly owned parking lot, during the hours between one-half hour before sunset and one-half hour before sunrise without wearing reflective devices on the front and the back of the operator.

76.04 PROHIBITED AREAS. It is unlawful for any person to operate or ride any skateboard, roller skates or coaster upon any street, alley, sidewalk, or publicly owned parking lot between the areas bounded by the north side of Northeast Fourth Street on the north, to the south side of Southeast Second Street on the south, and from the west side of Northwest Church Street on the west to the east side of Northeast Q Street on the east.

76.05 VIOLATION. Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a municipal infraction.