

CHAPTER 77

SKATEBOARDS AND SIMILAR CONVEYANCES

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77.01 PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to regulate the operation and use of skateboards, skates, in-line skates, and manually powered scooters and other similar conveyances within the City.

77.02 PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN LOCATIONS. Skateboards, skates, in-line skates, manually powered scooters, and other similar conveyances are prohibited unless permitted under Section 77.03 or otherwise allowed under Section 77.04 of this chapter:

1. In the commercial areas bounded by south line of Penn Street on the south, the west line of Chatham Street on the west, the north line of Walnut Street on the north, and the east line of Highland Street on the east.
2. In all City parks.

77.03 EXCEPTIONS. Skateboards, skates, in-line skates, manually powered scooters, and other similar conveyances may be used in the prohibited areas where:

1. The City Council temporarily allows such conveyances to be used in restricted areas for a special event.
2. The conveyances are operated on private property with the property owner's consent.

77.04 TRAFFIC CODE APPLIES. Individuals shall be allowed to use skateboards, skates, in-line skates, manually powered scooters, and other similar conveyances upon a roadway. Such individuals shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of the State declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles or by the traffic code of the City applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application. Whenever such persons dismount from skates, in-line skates, manually powered scooters, or other similar conveyances for an extended period of time, the persons are subject to all regulations applicable to pedestrians.

77.05 USAGE IN PERMISSIBLE AREAS. Persons using skateboards, skates, in-line skates, manually powered scooters, or other similar conveyances in permitted areas shall:

1. Stay as far to the right of the sidewalk, road, street, or alley as possible, except when necessary to make a left-hand turn;
2. Operate with the flow of traffic;
3. Operate in a careful and prudent manner;
4. Wear reflective devices or reflective clothing after dusk;
5. Give the right-of-way to any pedestrian, motor vehicle, or any other user of a sidewalk or public place and shall not interfere with the proper use of any sidewalk or public place by any other person.

77.06 DOUBLE RIDING RESTRICTED. No skateboard, set of skates, set of in-line skates, manually powered scooters or other similar conveyance shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

77.07 TOWING. It is unlawful for any person operating skateboards, skates, in-line skates, manually powered scooters, or other similar conveyances to cling or attach to any other vehicle while the vehicle is moving upon any roadway or bikeway.