

Town of Jackson

Use of Skateboards and Scooters Ordinance

SECTION I PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the safe and efficient use of public travel within the Town of Jackson. Public health, safety, and the orderly movement of vehicles and pedestrians are important to the quality of life for residents and visitors. The regulation of the use of highways and roadways by the Select Board is allowed under New Hampshire RSA 41:11, 47:17 and their subsections and by provisions of the laws upon the subject.

SECTION II DEFINITIONS

- A. Skateboard: Every device, propelled by human power, or gravity or electric motor, or internal combustion engine of 49cc or less, or any combination thereof, upon which a person or persons may ride, having two or more wheels, and is not otherwise defined by statute.
- B. Scooter: Every device, propelled by human power, or gravity or electric motor, or internal combustion engine of 49cc or less, or any combination thereof, upon which a person or persons may ride, having two or more wheels and also containing a handle or handle bar customarily used during operation, and is not otherwise defined by statute.

SECTION III USE OF SKATEBOARDS AND SCOOTERS ON PUBLIC WAYS

While upon public ways within the Town of Jackson, all riders of skateboards and scooters shall abide by the following rules;

- A. No Skateboard or scooter shall be used to carry more than one person at a time.
- B. No person riding upon a skateboard or a scooter shall attach the same or themselves to any vehicle upon a way.
- C. No person riding upon a skateboard or scooter shall carry any package, bundle or article that interferes with safe and lawful riding.
- D. Persons riding skateboards or scooters shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic upon public ways. When 2 or more riders are present, they shall ride single file.
- E. Persons riding skateboards or scooters shall give continuous hand or arm signals, consistent with recognized traffic hand signals, when intending to stop or turn right or left. Scooter and skateboard riders are exempt should the use of hand or arm signals interfere with safe riding.
- F. Persons riding skateboards or scooters are prohibited from passing motor vehicles within the same lane of travel unless the motor vehicle is stopped or stationary. All passing of stopped or stationary vehicles must be done on the right.

- G. No person less than 16 years of age shall operate a skateboard or scooter unless they are wearing protective headgear of a type approved by the commissioner of health and human services.
- H. During a period from ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise, any person riding a skateboard or scooter shall wear at least one item of reflective outerwear, such as a reflective vest, jacket or helmet strip. The rider or the device will also be equipped with a forward-facing headlamp and a rearward facing flashing red light during this time period.
- I. Unless otherwise specified herein, all persons riding a skateboard or scooter shall due so in accordance with the rules of the road, as defined by New Hampshire RSA Chapter 265 “RULES OF THE ROAD”, as they apply to movement upon the public way.
- J. No rider of a skateboard or scooter shall ride upon a public way for the purpose of a race, competition, display, exhibition of speed or time, or a test of physical endurance.
- K. No person shall ride a skateboard or a scooter in an intoxicated state. Intoxication is defined as impairment to any degree by alcohol or controlled drugs.
- L. No person shall ride a skateboard or scooter in a reckless manner such that the lives and safety of the rider, or others on the public way are endangered.

SECTION IV PENALTIES

- A. The penalty for a violation of this ordinance shall be a fine of \$100.00 for a first offense. For any second or subsequent violation within a 12-month period the fine shall be \$250.00. All fines are payable to the Town of Jackson within 5 days from the date of issuance. Failure to remit the fine within 5 days may result in the issuance of a summons and added fines. Any request for a due process hearing must be submitted in writing within 3 days of the receipt of the violation.