

CHAPTER 77

SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS, ROLLER SKATES AND IN-LINE SKATES

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77.01 DEFINITIONS. For use in this chapter, the following terms are defined:

1. “Roller skates” or “in-line skates” means skates with wheels instead of a runner;
2. “Scooter” means a device having two wheels and a low footboard which is steered by a handlebar and is propelled by pushing one foot against the ground while resting the other on the footboard;
3. “Skateboard” means a device consisting of a short oblong piece of wood, plastic or aluminum mounted on large roller skate wheels used for riding upon while standing.

77.02 OPERATION PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN AREAS. No person shall ride or operate any scooter, skateboard or roller skates or in-line skates upon the sidewalks and streets within the Business District as defined in Section 60.02(1) of this Code of Ordinances or in an area described as follows:

Properties on both sides of the streets within the following area:

Adams Street to Broad Street, to Jefferson Street, to New York Avenue,
to Adams Street.

77.03 USE ON SIDEWALKS. Whenever any person is using a scooter, skateboard or roller skates or in-line skates on any other sidewalk, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

77.04 USE ON STREETS. Whenever any person is using a scooter, skateboard or roller skates or in-line skates on any other street, such person shall:

1. Observe all traffic control devices and be subject to all the duties applicable to the use of vehicles as required by statute or ordinance;
2. Stay as near to the right-hand side of the roadway as possible, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

77.05 PENALTY. The skateboard, roller skates or in-line skates of any person violating the provisions of this chapter may be impounded by the Police Chief for not less than five (5) days for the first offense, ten (10) days for a second offense and thirty (30) days for each offense thereafter. As used in this section, “impound” means that the Police Chief or any officer of the Police Department shall seize the skateboard, roller skates or in-line skates and hold the same in legal custody for the term required for a violation of this chapter.

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