

## CHAPTER 62. TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

### ARTICLE V. Bicycles and Play Vehicles.

#### DIVISION 1. Generally

##### **Section 62-131. Regulation of roller devices.**

- (a) *Purpose.* The purpose of this section is to protect the public health and safety arising out of the use of roller devices, such as skate boards, roller blades, roller skates, in-line skates and roller skis within the city. The council of the city finds that there are certain public streets, ways and property wherein the operation and use of such roller devices create an unnecessary potential danger to either the user of such devices or the general public; and that the use of such devices in an improper manner may cause destruction of property.
- (b) *Definition--Roller device.* As used in this section, the term "roller device" means a non-motorized platform, foot board, ski-like device, shoe, boot or similar object mounted on wheels and designed or intended to propel a rider by human power or force of gravity, including but not limited to, skate boards, roller skates, roller blades, in-line skates and roller-skis. These devices do not include wheel chairs operated for or by a disabled person, wagons or strollers.
- (c) *Prohibition.* It shall be unlawful for any person to operate, ride or use a roller device under the following circumstances:
  - (1) In a careless, reckless or negligent manner or in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger any property or any person, including the user of the roller device; or in such a manner as to indicate either a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property.
  - (2) In any area within the city while being pushed, pulled or in any way propelled by any motorized vehicle or by a person on a bicycle.
  - (3) On private property without the express permission of the owner or occupant or the property.
  - (4) Upon any city-owned parking lot, ramp or other parking facility.
  - (5) Upon any public street or roadway where the posted speed limit is in excess of 30 miles per hour.
  - (6) Upon any public street, sidewalk or roadway after sunset and before sunrise.
  - (7) On any public street, alley, sidewalk or other public property in the following area: On the east side of the Rum River, commencing at the Rum River, then east on VanBuren Street to Fourth Avenue, then south on Fourth Avenue to Monroe Street, then west on Monroe Street to the Rum River, except for the sidewalk adjacent to the north side of VanBuren Street, the sidewalk adjacent to the south side of Monroe Street, and the sidewalk adjacent to the east side of Fourth Avenue. Unless otherwise specified, the described area includes all sidewalks

adjacent to the streets and all cross streets and adjacent sidewalks on such cross streets.

- (8) In any area to be described in the future, in addition to the areas described in this section, as established by resolution of the city council upon recommendation of the chief of police.
- (d) *Exceptions.* Roller devices may be used by medical, police or other emergency personnel.
- (e) *Penalty.* A violation of this section shall constitute a petty misdemeanor.
- (f) *Impoundment.* Any police officer who observes any violation of this section is authorized to impound the roller device and to hold the roller device at the police department until resolution of the case following a violation. The impounded item shall be released to the parent or legal guardian of a user who is under the age of 18 years, or released to a user 18 years of age or older, following the expiration of the impoundment period.

**Secs. 62-132--62-150. Reserved.**