
CHAPTER 125. OPERATION OF SKATEBOARDS, SCOOTERS AND ROLLER BLADES

9.160. Definitions. For the use and purpose of this Chapter, the following terms or words used herein shall be defined as follows:

- A. The term "skateboard" shall refer to an item consisting of a board with small wheels at each end operated on a hard surface.
- B. The term "scooter" shall refer to an item that is a wheeled platform that is steerable and which may be motorized or propelled by human power.
- C. The term "Main Street Business District" shall mean the Main Street or Highway M-83 right-of-way from the north City limits to Jefferson Street, together with all adjoining business properties and the sidewalks and parking lots which serve those businesses.
- D. The term "parking lot(s)" shall mean any paved area for parking motor vehicles together with all access drives and sidewalks thereto located within the City of Frankenmuth.

Terms not defined herein shall have the meaning customarily assigned to them.

9.161. Operation in Main Street Business District. No person shall operate a skateboard, scooter, or roller blades in the Main Street Business District as herein defined.

- A. Roller Blades Exception. An operator wearing roller blades may cross the Main Street right-of-way at public intersections, at right angles, within the Main Street Business District, for the purpose of getting from one side of the district to another when the crossing can be done in safety. An operator wearing roller blades shall obey all traffic control devices.

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9.162. Reckless or Dangerous Operation.

- A. No person shall operate a skateboard, scooter, or roller blades on any sidewalk or other paved surface intended for pedestrians in a reckless or careless manner, or in a manner which is likely to result in injury or harm to any person or property.
- B. No person operating a skateboard, scooter, or roller blades or any other non-motorized device shall attach himself or herself to any vehicle upon any roadways in the City of Frankenmuth.

9.163. Yielding the Right-of-Way. Any person operating a skateboard, scooter, or roller blades must yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian or motor vehicle.

9.164. Operation on Certain Devices or Structures. It shall be unlawful to operate a skateboard, scooter, or roller blades on any bench, table, planter wall, retaining wall, porch, steps, tennis court or other surface or structure which is located on public property, or to jump or step on or off such devices or structures in the process of operating a skateboard, scooter, or roller blades.

9.165. Operation on Private Property.

A. No person shall operate a skateboard, scooter, or roller blades in any parking lot or on any property in violation of a sign(s) complying with this section.

B. Areas in which skateboard, scooter, or roller blade operation is prohibited must be indicated by one or more signs that are positioned to provide reasonable notice and which contain the words "No skateboards, scooters, or roller blades on premises" or any other words or combination of words indicating that skateboard, scooter, or roller blade operation is prohibited.

C. All signage and the location(s) thereof for private parking lots shall be approved by the Frankenmuth Police Department.

D. No person shall operate a skateboard, scooter, or roller blades on unposted private property without first obtaining and carrying on his or her person the written permission of said private property owner to allow such operation of a skateboard, scooter, or roller blades. Failure of a person who has been operating a skateboard, scooter, or roller blades on private property to produce such written permission, upon request of any police officer, shall constitute a prima facie evidence that such person is in violation of this section.

9.166. Operation on City Owned Property. The City Council may, in its discretion, by resolution, authorize the City Manager to post signs on any City-owned property prohibiting the operation of skateboards, scooters, or roller blades thereon. It shall be unlawful to operate a skateboard, scooter, or roller blades on any such City owned property that is posted.

9.167. Violation; Municipal Civil Infraction. A person who violates any provision of this Chapter is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, subject to:

(1) The impoundment as evidence, of any skateboard, scooter, roller blades, which are, used contrary to these provisions.

(2) Civil fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$20.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each violation. Repeat offenses shall be subject to increased fines as provided for in Section 1.12(3)(b) of this Code. Any police officer is hereby designated as the authorized City official to issue municipal civil infraction citations (directing alleged violators to appear in court) or municipal civil infraction violation notices (directing alleged violators to appear at the City of Frankenmuth Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau) for violations under this Chapter as provided by this Code.

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