

**CHAPTER 73: BICYCLES; ROLLER SKATES/BLADES, SKATEBOARDS,
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BICYCLES

§ 73.01 OPERATING RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(A) A person operating a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride that permanent or regular seat attached thereto, and no bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

(B) Every bicycle shall be operated with the reasonable regard to the safety of the operator and to persons upon the sidewalks, streets and other public highways of the city.

(C) All persons riding bicycles shall observe all traffic signs and signals the same as other vehicles and shall observe all traffic laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.

(D) The operator of a bicycle upon a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to every pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian and if necessary the rider of the bicycle shall dismount and vacate the sidewalk in order to let the pedestrian pass.

(E) No person shall leave or park any bicycle on the sidewalks designated for no bicycle traffic hereinafter described in division (K) of this section, except in the areas provided and designated by the Police Department.

(F) No person shall ride a bicycle on any sidewalk, street or other public highway within the city between 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise without a headlight, firmly attached and properly lighted, visible under normal atmosphere conditions from the front thereof for not less than 500 feet indicating the approach or presence of the bicycle and without a yellow or red light or reflector attached to and visible 100 to 600 feet from the rear thereof.

(G) Persons operating bicycles upon a roadway shall ride not more than two abreast and upon a sidewalk shall ride in single file.

(H) No person riding upon any bicycle shall attach the same or himself or herself to any vehicle upon the roadway.

(I) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the break wheel skid on a dry, level, clean payment.

(J) If directed by the Council, the Chief of Police is authorized to erect signs on any sidewalk or roadway prohibiting the riding of bicycles thereon by any person, and when such signs are in place, no person shall disobey the same.

(K) Notwithstanding anything in this section of appearing to be to the contrary, no person shall ride a bicycle on the sidewalks adjacent to the following city streets:

- (1) The east side of High Street from Lyon Avenue to Marion Street;
- (2) Both sides of Lakeshore Drive from Chestnut Street to Marion Street;
- (3) Both sides of Washington Street from Chestnut Street to Marion Street;
- (4) Both sides of Franklin Street from Chestnut Street to Marion Street;
- (5) The south side of Chestnut Street from Lakeshore Drive to Franklin Street;
- (6) Both sides of Lyon Avenue from High Street to Franklin Street;
- (7) Both sides of Center Street from High Street to Franklin Street;
- (8) Both sides of Marion Street from Lakeshore Drive to Franklin Street.
- (9) Riverwalk from Roschen Park to Central Point Road.

(L) Handicapped persons and senior citizens may be exempt from division (K) above with a special permit obtained from the Chief of Police. (1981 Code, § 1140.01)

***ROLLER SKATES/BLADES, SKATEBOARDS AND SCOOTERS,
AND MOTORIZED FOOT SCOOTERS***

§ 73.20 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT. The area of the city bounded by the following lines:

- (1) High Street from Lyon Avenue to Marion Street;
- (2) Lakeshore Drive from Chestnut Street to Marion Street;
- (3) Washington Street from Chestnut Street to the southeasterly end of Washington Street;
- (4) Franklin Street from Chestnut Street to Marion Street;
- (5) Chestnut Street from Lakeshore Drive to Franklin Street;
- (6) Lyon Avenue from High Street to Franklin Street;
- (7) Center Street from High Street to Franklin Street;
- (8) Marion Street from High Street to Franklin Street.

MOTORIZED FOOT SCOOTER. A device with handlebars that can be stood or sat on by the operator and is powered by an internal combustion engine or an electric motor. The

wheels can be no more than 12 inches in diameter and the engine capability is not to exceed a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour on a flat surface. (Minn. Stat. Section 169.011, Subd. 46)

OPERATE. To ride on or control the operation of a skateboard, roller skates/blades or scooter.

OPERATOR. Every person who operates or is in actual physical control of a skateboard, roller skates/blades or scooter.

ROLLER SKATES/BLADES. A shoe with wheels attached or a device with wheels which is designated to be attached to a shoe.

SKATEBOARDS. A wheeled device designed to transport a rider in a standing position, which device is not otherwise secured to the rider's feet or shoes.

SCOOTER. A foot operated vehicle consisting of a narrow board mounted between two wheels, tandem, with an upright steering handle attached to the front wheel. (1981 Code, § 1145.01)

§ 73.21 RIDING RESTRICTIONS.

No person shall ride or use a skateboard, roller skates/blades or a scooter:

(A) On any public sidewalk, street or any public parking lot situated in the Central Business District; or

(B) On private property of another without the express permission to do so by the owner or occupant of the property; or

(C) In any careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger the safety of any person or property of any other person. (1981 Code, § 1145.03)

§ 73.22 YIELDING TO PEDESTRIANS.

The operator of a skateboard, roller skates/blades or scooter emerging from any alley, driveway or building upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway shall yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching the sidewalk or sidewalk area and upon entering the roadway and shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the roadway. (1981 Code, § 1145.05)

§ 73.23 ATTACHING TO VEHICLES ON ROADWAYS PROHIBITED.

No person operating a skateboard, roller skates/blades or scooter shall attach the same or the person of the operator to any vehicle upon a roadway. (1981 Code, § 1145.07)

§ 73.24 RIDING NEAR RIGHT HAND CURB OR EDGE OF ROADWAY.

Every person operating a skateboard, roller skates/blades or scooter upon a roadway shall ride as close as possible to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway. (1981 Code, § 1145.09)

§ 73.25 USE AFTER SUNSET OR BEFORE SUNRISE ESTABLISHED.

No person shall use a skateboard, roller skates/blades or scooter upon a public street, sidewalk or other roadway after sunset and before sunrise. (1981 Code, § 1145.11)

§ 73.26 USE ON STATE HIGHWAYS PROHIBITED.

No person shall use a skateboard, roller skates/blades or scooters upon a state highway in the city. (1981 Code, § 1145.13)

§ 73.27 MOTORIZED FOOT SCOOTER REGULATIONS.

- (A) All operators of motorized foot scooters must meet all the provisions of this chapter unless specified. (Minn. Stat. Section 169.225)
- (B) No person may operator a motorized foot scooter on any sidewalks.
- (C) No person under the age of 12 may operate a motorized foot scooter.
- (D) Passengers are not allowed on motorized foot scooters.
- (E) All persons under the age of 18 must wear protective headgear.
- (F) All motorized foot scooters must be equipped with a headlight and taillight.

§ 73.99 PENALTY.

Any person who violates any provision of this subchapter shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor as defined in M.S. § 609.02, Subd. 4a, as it may be amended from time to time. In addition, any peace officer who observes any person violating any provisions of this chapter is authorized to seize the offender's skateboard, roller skates/blades or scooter and to hold same at the Lake City Police Department. In the event of such seizure, the offender, if an adult, may secure the return of the article seized after 24 hours has elapsed since the seizure. In the case of a minor, the article seized shall be returned only to the parent or guardian of such minor offender after 24 hours have elapsed since the seizure.