

CITY OF HAMMOND
ORDINANCE NO. _____

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances Regarding Skating and Use of Skateboards and Similar Devices

WHEREAS, The City Council finds that a revision to the existing ordinance on skating and skateboards on sidewalks is necessary to allow skating and use of skateboards and similar devices in certain areas and that this revision will provide for the general welfare and safety of the citizens of Hammond and to maintain the effective enjoyment of the sidewalks and activities within the corporate limits of Hammond.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Hammond, Louisiana, that Chapter 28, Article I, Section 28-5 of the Hammond Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 28-5. - Skating and use of skateboards and similar devices on sidewalks restricted.

(a) It is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor for any person to operate, ride or use any motive device propelled or designed for propulsion by human power on the sidewalks of the city within the boundaries of the Hammond Historic District.

(b) The term "motive device propelled or designed for propulsion by human power" shall mean and include: tricycles, coasters, scooters, skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, hover boards, segways, sleds and wagons, but shall not include bicycles (when operated on city sidewalks) and wheelchairs or other devices operated or used by handicapped or disabled persons.

(c) Motive devices propelled or designed for propulsion by human power may be used on sidewalks in areas outside of the boundaries of the Hammond Historic District; however no person shall operate, ride or use any motive device propelled or designed for propulsion by human power on any public sidewalk in any location in a reckless manner or without exercising due care for the safety of other persons using the sidewalk. Any person operating, riding or using any motive device propelled or designed for propulsion by human power on a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian.

(d) All law enforcement officers having jurisdiction shall have the authority to confiscate any device used or operated in violation of this ordinance and deliver same to the chief of police or his designee. Upon the first offense, the chief of police may return the device to the parents or legal guardian of such offender who is under the age of seventeen (17) years old. On the second or subsequent offense by the same offender, law enforcement officers shall confiscate the device.

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2. All Ordinances in conflict therewith are repealed.

The above and foregoing ordinance having been duly submitted to the Hammond City Council in writing; introduced at a public meeting on January ____, 2016 of the Hammond City Council and discussed at a public meeting held on February ____, 2016; after motion and second was submitted to the official vote of the Hammond City Council.

On motion by _____ and a Second by _____ the foregoing ordinance was hereby declared adopted on _____, 2016, by the following roll call vote:

Votes: Johnny Blount () Jason Hood () Janice Carter Beard () Lemar Marshall () Mike Williams () Motion carried approved.

WHEREFORE the above and foregoing ordinance was declared duly adopted on this _____ day of _____, in the year 2016, at Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana.

Mike Williams
President, Hammond City Council

Honorable Pete Panepinto
Mayor, City of Hammond

Tonia Banks, Clerk
Hammond City Council