

SKATEBOARD ORDINANCE

TOWN OF RANDOLPH

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I. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote the responsible use of skateboards, roller skates, and in-line skates, and to promote the safety and comfort of pedestrians who are using the sidewalks and crosswalks in the Town of Randolph. The ordinance recognizes that the primary purpose of sidewalks is for pedestrian travel, and that the use of skateboards, roller skates, and in-line skates can be incompatible with general pedestrian use.

II. Limits on Use of Skateboards, Roller Skates, and In-Line Skates

A. Transportation Use: While using sidewalks in the areas where it is permitted as described below, skateboards, roller skates, and in-line skates shall be used only for transportation purposes. Skateboards, roller skates, and in-line skates may not be used for stunts, jumps, leaps, or spins of any type on sidewalks. Skateboarders must come to a complete stop before stepping off the skateboard, and shall not allow their skateboards to roll independently. Skateboarder users shall not flip their skateboards into the air.

B. Speed of Travel: Recognizing that fast-moving users of skateboards, roller skates, and in-line skates may inadvertently startle or in other ways cause pedestrians to feel uncomfortable, speed limits are necessary. While using sidewalks in the areas where it is permitted, users of skateboards, roller skates, and in-line skates shall proceed slowly at a rate of speed that is the same as walking. Skateboards, roller skates, and in-line skates may not be used on sidewalks at high speeds or for racing.

C. Stopping/Safety: Users of skateboards, roller skates, or in-line skates shall always skate at moderate speeds so that they will be able to stop

quickly if necessary. Users must be prepared for vehicles pulling out of driveways, pedestrians stepping out of buildings, or other situation that may arise that would require a quick reaction.

D. District Limitations: The use of skateboards, roller skates, and in-line skates is not permitted on the sidewalks on Pleasant Street, Merchants Row, and Salisbury Street, during the following hours:

Monday - Saturday	between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm
All Days	between 11:00 pm and 7:00 am

The use of skateboards, roller skates, and in-line skates is not permitted on sidewalks on Main Street at any time. This prohibition extends to the handicapped ramp and all areas constructed as part of the sidewalk, *as well as the Gazebo Park area.**

E. Permission Required: Users of skateboards, roller skates, and in-line skates shall not use any property, publicly or privately owned, such as steps to buildings, benches, or flower pots, to perform stunts such as jumping onto or from, except with permission of the owner.

F. Disclaimer: The fact that this Randolph Town Ordinance does not prohibit the use of skateboards, roller skates, or in-line skates at certain locations in no way suggests or implies a statement by the Town that such devices are safe to use on any Town property.

III. Penalties, Enforcement, and Appeals

A. Penalty: The skateboard ordinance is a civil ordinance, in conformance with 24 V.S.A. § 1971 (b). A violation of this ordinance shall be a civil matter enforced in accordance with the provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 1974 (a) and § 1977 et. seq.. A civil penalty of not more than \$500 may be imposed for a violation of this civil ordinance, and the waiver fee shall be set at \$50.00 for the first offense, and \$100.00 for the second offense, and \$250.00 for all subsequent offenses within a six month period. Persons found in violation of this ordinance may, within ten days from the

* The last phrase in this sentence has been added to the 1996 Ordinance.

date of such violation, admit the violation and voluntarily pay the Town the waiver fee listed above. The penalty after the expiration of the said ten-day period, but within 30 days from the date of such violation, shall be an additional \$50.00, or by satisfying other conditions as may be imposed.

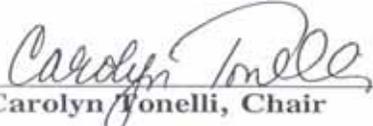
B. Enforcement: The Custodial Official for the skateboard ordinance will be the Town Manager. The Issuing Officials for the skateboard ordinance will be the Randolph Police Department and the Town Manager. The Appearing Officials for the Town of Randolph include the Town Manager, and the members of the Randolph Police Department.

C. Appeals: A party who wishes to appeal the decision of the Issuing Official may appeal the decision to the Traffic and Municipal Ordinance Bureau within twenty days of the alleged violation by checking the appropriate box in the ticket issued. The Traffic and Municipal Ordinance Bureau will schedule a hearing for the defendant after having notified the Custodial Official, Issuing Official, and Appearing Officials.

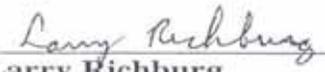
A party who wishes to appeal a decision of the Traffic and Municipal Ordinance Bureau must file their appeal within 30 days of the final judgment of the Bureau. A Party wishing to cross-appeal has an additional fourteen days after the date of the original notice of appeal is filed. The party that appeals will have to pay a \$50.00 filing fee to the district court.

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Passed and Adopted by the Selectboard of the Town of Randolph, Vermont, this 15 day of December, 1998.

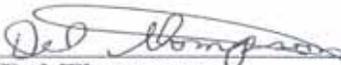


Carolyn Tonelli, Chair

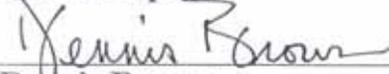


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