

Chapter 179
SKATEBOARDS, BICYCLES AND ROLLER SKATES

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GENERAL REFERENCES

Off-road recreational vehicles - See Ch. 168.

§ 179-1. Enactment; purpose.

In the public interest and for the public safety, the Selectmen on this date hereby enact this chapter, as authorized by RSA 266:85 and RSA 31:39, controlling the use of bicycles, skateboards and roller-skating as follows.

§ 179-2. Definitions

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

BICYCLE - Any device propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having two (2) tandem wheels or three (3) wheels of which said wheels are more than fourteen (14) inches in diameter.

ROLLER-SKATING - The use of shoes with wheels attached for skating over a flat surface or a metal frame with wheels attached to be fitted to the sole of the shoe for skating over a flat surface.

SKATEBOARD - Any wheeled vehicle intended and designed to be propelled by one (1) foot with one (1) foot on the vehicle at the moment of initial propulsion.

§ 179-3. Bicycles.

- A. All bicycles shall be ridden, operated and equipped in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 265 of the New Hampshire Statutes Annotated.
- B. No person shall ride or propel a bicycle except in a prudent and careful manner at a reasonable rate of speed.

§ 179-4. Skateboards.

- A. No person shall operate a skateboard as defined herein upon a public highway or upon the lawful sidewalks in the central business area and shopping plazas, villages or malls in the town of Peterborough during regular business hours for said business areas.
- B. No person shall operate a skateboard during the hours of dusk to dawn in the Town of Peterborough.
- C. Any person operating a skateboard shall at all times yield the right-of-way to any motor vehicle or pedestrians present and shall operate said skateboard in a prudent and careful manner and at a reasonable rate of speed.

§ 179-5. Roller-skating.

No person shall roller-skate upon any public highway or upon any lawful sidewalk in the central business area or the shopping plaza areas of the Town of Peterborough.

§ 179-6. Violations and penalties.

Any person convicted of a violation of this chapter shall be liable to a penalty of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.), and he may have his bicycle, skateboard or roller skates impounded by the Police Department for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days or, in the sound discretion of the court, forfeiture of his/her interest in the bicycle, skateboard or roller skates in question to the Town of Peterborough for disposition in such manner as the court may direct.