

Chapter 216, SKATEBOARDS AND ROLLER SKATES

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs 2-2-2004 by Ord. No. 635-2004. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 216-1. Purpose.

The purpose of the ordinance is to provide for the safety, health and general welfare of the residents of the Borough of Laurel Springs and the users of the streets and sidewalks of the Borough. The purpose of this chapter is to prevent residents or users of the streets and sidewalks from sustaining personal injury or property damage as a result of the use and operation of skateboards, roller skates, in-line skates, scooters, both motorized and nonmotorized, and go-boards or go-peds within the Borough of Laurel Springs.

§ 216-2. Definitions.

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

MANUAL SCOOTER -- A long footboard between end wheels controlled by an upright steering handle attached to the front wheel.

MOTORIZED SCOOTER -- A long footboard between end wheels controlled by an upright steering handle attached to the front wheel propelled by a motor powered by gas or electric which is a part thereof or attached thereto. This definition includes but is not limited to motorized scooters referred to as "go-boards" and/or "go-peds."

ROLLER SKATES AND IN-LINE SKATES -- Boots or shoes with one or more rows of wheels attached to the soles.

SKATEBOARD -- A single platform mounted on wheels.

§ 216-3. Motorized scooters prohibited.

The use or operation of motorized scooters, as defined above, is prohibited in the Borough of Laurel Springs unless the motorized scooter is registered and the operator licensed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:1-1 et seq.

§ 216-4. Prohibited areas of use.

- A. No person shall use a skateboard, roller skates, in-line skates, manual scooter or motorized scooter on property owned or leased by the Borough of Laurel Springs.
- B. No person shall use a skateboard, roller skates, in-line skates or manual scooter in the Borough of Laurel Springs business district.
- C. No person shall use a skateboard, roller skates, in-line skates or manual scooter on the property of any business, office or commercial operation or any church or synagogue without the prior approval of the owner or owners.
- D. No person shall operate a skateboard, roller skates, in-line skates, or manual scooter from dusk till dawn.

§ 216-5. Use on streets.

- A. Every person operating a skateboard, roller skates, in-line skates or manual scooter upon the streets of the Borough of Laurel Springs shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by Chapter 4 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes (N.J.S.A. 39:4-1 et seq.) and all supplements thereto, and all of the duties applicable to the driver of a bicycle pursuant to Article III of Chapter 4 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes (N.J.S.A. 39:4-10 et seq.) and all supplements thereto, except as to those provisions thereof which by their nature can have no application.
- B. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-10.11, any person operating a skateboard, roller skates, in-line skates or manual scooter upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction; provided, however, that any person may move to the left under any of the following situations:
 - (1) To make a left turn from a left-turn lane or pocket.
 - (2) To avoid debris, drains or other hazardous conditions that make it impracticable to ride at the right side of the roadway.
 - (3) To pass a slower moving vehicle.
 - (4) To occupy any available lane when traveling at the same speed as other traffic.
 - (5) To travel no more than two abreast when traffic is not impeded.

§ 216-6. Use on sidewalks.

Whenever any person is operating a skateboard, roller skates, in-line skates or manual scooter upon the sidewalk, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

§ 216-7. Emergence from alleys, driveways and buildings.

The operator of a skateboard, roller skates, in-line skates or manual scooter emerging from an alley, driveway and building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on said sidewalk.

§ 216-8. Standing, storage and parking.

No person shall stand, park or otherwise place in a position of temporary storage a skateboard, roller skates, in-line skates, manual scooter or motorized scooter upon a highway, street, sidewalk or against any building abutting a sidewalk in such a manner that shall obstruct or cause injury to a pedestrian or interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

§ 216-9. Operation on certain roads by minors prohibited.

The operation of a skateboard, roller skates, in-line skates or manual scooter by any person under the age of 17 is prohibited upon the following roadways:

- A. State roadways.
- B. County roadways.
- C. Any section of roadway with a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or more.

§ 216-10. Helmet requirement.

A. A person under 14 years of age shall not operate or ride a skateboard, roller skates, in-line skates, manual scooter or motorized scooter unless that person is wearing a properly fitted and fastened helmet which meets the standards of the American National Institute (ANSI Z90.4 Bicycle Helmet Standard) of the Snell Memorial Foundation's 1990 Standard for Protective Headgear for Use in Bicycling, the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standard or other such standard, as appropriate.

B. This requirement shall apply at all times while a skateboard, roller skates, in-line skates, manual scooter or motorized scooter is operated on any property open to the public or used by the public for pedestrian and/or vehicular purposes.

§ 216-11. Responsibility of parents or guardian.

The parent of the minor child or the guardian of any minor child shall not authorize or knowingly permit any such child to violate any of the provisions of this chapter. Parents or guardians shall also be responsible for any damages caused by a minor child in the event said damages are not satisfied by the owner/operator as required at § 216-12D below.

§ 216-12. Violations and penalties; impounded equipment.

A. Any person who violates any of the foregoing provisions of this chapter shall be subject to a fine of \$25 for the first offense and not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 for each subsequent offense and/or community service for a period of up to 90 days.

B. Any skateboard, roller skates, in-line skates or manual scooter operated in violation of any of the foregoing provisions of this chapter may be immediately impounded. The Borough of Laurel Springs shall store such impounded skateboard, roller skates, in-line skates or manual scooter in a suitable secure location. No impounded skateboard, roller skates, in-line skates or manual scooter may not be released until all penalties have been paid.

C. Any skateboard, roller skates, in-line skates or manual scooter not redeemed within 90 days shall become the property of the Borough of Laurel Springs.

D. All damage expenses are the responsibility of the owner/operator of the skateboard, roller skates, in-line skates or manual scooter.