§606 ROLLER SKATING, ROLLER BLADING, SKATE BOARDS, AND BMX OR “TRICK” BIKES

§606.010. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the words, combinations of words, terms and phrases, as used in §601 shall have the following meaning set forth in the subdivisions of this section which follow:

a) **Persons** means an individual, partnership, corporation, the state and its agencies and subdivisions, and any body of persons, whether incorporated or not.

b) **Skateboard** means a device for riding upon, usually while standing, consisting of an oblong or rectangular piece of wood or of other composition mounted on wheels.

c) **Roller skate** means a form of skate with small wheels or rollers instead of a runner.

d) **Roller blades** means a form of skate with spherical shaped wheels constructed in-line and made of rubber or other synthetic material, also referred to as in-line skates.

e) **Use** means to ride on or upon or control the operation of a skateboard, roller blades, or roller skates.

f) **BMX or “trick” bike** means a recreational bike used to perform various “street” stunts.

§606.020. REGULATION OF THE USE OF ROLLER SKATES, ROLLER BLADES, SKATE BOARDS, AND BMX OR “TRICK” BIKES. It shall be unlawful for any person to use roller skates, roller blades, a skateboard, BMX or “trick” bike in the following manner:

a) In careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger, or be likely to endanger, the safety of any person or is likely to damage the property (public or private) of any other person. It shall be prima facie evidence of careless, reckless or negligent use if any of the devices stated above are used to jump on or over, or rub against, scrape, or ride on any step, curb, handrail, access ramp, bench, or platform on public property or the property of another or if all of the wheels of the above listed devices do not remain on the ground at any given time, while being used, unless the use is in an area designated specifically for such use.

b) Failure of the user of roller skates, roller blades, skateboard, BMX or “trick” bike while emerging from an alley, driveway or building upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway to yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching the sidewalk or sidewalk area or upon entering the roadway failing to yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the roadway.

c) Using roller blade roller skates, a skateboard, BMX or “trick” bike while holding onto or while attached to a motor vehicle.

d) Using roller blades, roller skates, a skateboard, BMX or “trick” bike upon a public roadway in a location which is not as close as is reasonably practical to the right-hand curb or right-hand edge of the roadway.
e) Use of roller skates, roller blades, a skate board, BMX or “trick” bike upon a public street, sidewalk or other roadway after sunset and before sunrise.

f) Use of roller skates, roller blades, a skate board, BMX or “trick” bike upon a state trunk highway in the City.

g) Using roller skates, roller blades, skate boards, BMX or “trick” bikes in an area designated by the City Council where such use is prohibited pursuant to §606.030.

§606.030. PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF ROLLER BLADES, ROLLER SKATES, SKATE BOARDS AND BMX OR “TRICK” BIKES. When and where the City Council determines that the operation of skate boards, roller blades, roller skates, BMX or “trick” bikes on any public street, alley, park, parkway or parking lot is an endangerment to the public health, safety or general welfare, it shall, by resolution, designate the specific area within which the use of the above stated devices is prohibited and order the posting of a prohibition of any or all of the aforementioned activities. (Ref. Ord. No. 853, 11/12/91)

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