

Village of Freeport Ordinance # 49 Operation of Bicycles and Skateboards

State law references: Operation of bicycles, MCL 257.656 et seq.

Section 1. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

<u>Bicycle</u> means a device propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having either two or three wheels in a tandem or tricycle arrangement, all of which are over 14 inches in diameter.

<u>Skateboard</u> means every device propelled by motor or human power upon which any person may stand, set, otherwise ride, having three or more wheels any of which is under 4 inches in diameter.

Section 2. Operation and uses.

- (a) No person shall ride a bicycle upon any sidewalk abutting Division Street between Oak Street and Cherry Street.
- (b) No person shall operate a skateboard upon Division Street or upon any sidewalk, parking lot, or area abutting Division Street between Oak Street and Cherry Street.
- (c) No person shall operate a bicycle or skateboard upon any sidewalk, street or area where traffic control devices or signs are posted or displayed which prohibit such operation.
- (d) When operating a bicycle or skateboard upon a street or sidewalk, the operator shall yield to the right-of-way to all other vehicles and/or pedestrians upon the street or sidewalk.

Section 3. Hitching.

No person riding any bicycle, scooter, roller skates, sled or toy vehicle shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon a roadway or sidewalk.

Section 4. Speed.

No person shall operate any bicycle in a manner or at a speed greater than is reasonable and proper under the existing conditions. Their speed should not be any greater than would permit him/her to spot his/her vehicle within an assured clear distance ahead.

5. Private Property.

No person shall operate a bicycle or skateboard on private property unless the rider has the permission of the owner to operate there.

Section 6. Permitting violation.

No parent, guardian or other person having the legal care and custody of any minor under

the age of 17 years shall allow, permit or encourage any such minor to violate the provisions of this article.

Section 7. Impounding.

Upon the violation of any of the provisions of this article by any person, the bicycle or skateboard used in such violation may be impounded and conviction may be forfeited to the Village.

Section 8. Conflict.

All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof, insofar as the same may be in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Freeport! County of Barry, State of Michigan on July 15, 2009. This ordinance will take effect as of the newspaper posting in the Sun & New July 18, 2009 and approved by me on July 13, 2009.

Dated: July 13, 2009

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ATTEST:

onne M. Aspinall, Village Clerk

Certificate of Village Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Freeport County of Barry, State of Michigan, at a Regular Village Council Meeting held on July 13, 2009 and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to the Open Meetings Act being Act No. 267 of Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended including in the case of a special or

rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least fifteen (15) days prior to the time set for said meeting.

I further certify that said Ordinance #49 has been recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Village of Freeport and such recording has been authenticated by the signatures of the President and the Village Clerk.

I, Yvonne M. Aspinall, Village Clerk of the Village of Freeport, do hereby certify that this ordinance was published in the Sun & News on July 18,2009

Dated: July 15,2009 Yvonne M. Aspinall Village Clerk

Certificate of Publication

I Yvonne M. Aspinall, Village Clerk of the Village of Freeport, County of Barry, State of Michigan, hereby certify that Ordinance No. 49 was published in synopsis in the Sun and News on July 18, 2009.

Dated: July 15, 2009

Yvonne M. Aspirall
Village Clerk