

Chapter 256: SKATEBOARDS

[HISTORY: Adopted by the City Council of the City of Lancaster 3-25-1997 by Ord. No. 6-1997. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Bicycles — See Ch. 100.

Streets and sidewalks — See Ch. 262.

Vehicles and traffic — See Ch. 285.

§ 256-1. Intent and purpose.

The City Council of the City of Lancaster finds and declares that the provisions of this chapter are enacted to establish regulations regarding the operation of skateboards on the roadways, sidewalks, public parks, paths, public places or public property of the City of Lancaster.

§ 256-2. Applicability.

Unless otherwise indicated, all provisions of this chapter shall apply to all skateboards operated within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Lancaster.

§ 256-3. Definitions.

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

ROADWAY — That portion of the highway designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, excluding sidewalks.

SIDEWALK — That portion of the highway designated or ordinarily used for pedestrian travel.

SKATEBOARD — A single platform mounted on wheels, which is propelled solely by human power and which has no mechanisms or other device with which to steer or to control the movement or direction of the platform.

VEHICLE — Every device, excluding skateboards, wagons, wheelchairs, unicycles, pushcarts, tricycles and other children's toys, in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a roadway or sidewalk.

§ 256-4. Rules of the road.

- A. No person shall ride a skateboard upon any sidewalk, park, school yard or any public place or any roadway so as to obstruct pedestrian traffic or endanger another person's safety, or ride a skateboard on any highway, street or roadway in such a manner so as to impede the normal flow of vehicular traffic.
- B. No person shall let a skateboard stand upon any sidewalk, park, path, roadway or any public place where it is an obstruction or hazard to pedestrians.
- C. No person shall ride a skateboard onto or from any bench, chair, flower box, retaining wall, stairway or other public accessory or structure not intended for pedestrian foot traffic, or intended only for pedestrian foot traffic.
- D. No person or pedestrian shall ride or operate a skateboard on a sidewalk within one block of the area of the City of Lancaster know as "Penn Square." The Lancaster City Traffic Commission of the City of Lancaster is authorized to erect official traffic control devices on those roadways where skateboarding shall be designated as prohibited.
- E. No person shall operate or ride a skateboard on any roadway where the volume or speed of the vehicular traffic or the width of the roadway renders the roadway unsafe or unsuitable for skateboarding.
- F. Skateboard operators on sidewalks and roadways shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicular and to all other pedestrian (non-skateboard) traffic upon the sidewalk or roadway.
- G. No more than one person shall operate or ride on a single skateboard at one time.