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518.01 - Definitions

- a.) Highway: Every way or place of whatever nature in the City of Franklin open to the use of the public as a matter of right for the purposes of vehicular traffic, including streets and alleys.
- b.) Operator: The person who is in actual physical control of a skateboard.
- c.) Sidewalk: Every way, place, or space of whatever nature in the City of Franklin excepting highways, open to the public as a matter of right and provided for use by pedestrians.
- d.) Skateboard: Shall mean a board mounted on roller skate wheels or any other type of similar wheels, and which shall be propelled by muscular power or by coasting.
- e.) Traffic: Pedestrians and vehicles, either singularly or together, by using a highway for purposes of travel.
- f.) Traffic Sign: A device, mark, marker, board, plate, light, or other contrivance, designed for the purpose of guiding traffic or informing of a traffic regulation.
- g.) Traffic Signal: A device using words or colored lights, or a combination thereof, either manually or electrically controlled, by which traffic shall be alternately directed to stop and go or providing other directions for the control of traffic.

518.02 - SKATEBOARDS NOT ALLOWED ON SIDEWALKS OR HIGHWAYS IN
DEFINED AREAS NOR IN ANY CITY PARK, PARKING LOT, OR PLAYGROUND

- a.) The riding or operation of skateboards on or along any sidewalk or highway, or in any part of the City of Franklin, is prohibited within the area bounded by Fifteenth Street on the west; by Frenchcreek and the Allegheny River on the north; by Tenth Street on the

east; and Chestnut Street (between Tenth and Eleventh Streets), Eleventh Street (between Chestnut Street and Elm Street), Elm Street and Eagle Street on the south, including any and all sidewalks adjacent to any of said streets, and all areas within the boundaries aforesaid.

b.) The riding or operating of skateboards on or within the limits of any City park, City parking lot, or City playground is prohibited.

518.03 - SKATEBOARDS NOT ALLOWED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY EXCEPT BY PERMISSION OF THE OWNER

The riding or operation of skateboards on private property within the corporate limits of the City of Franklin is prohibited except by the express permission of the owner of said property.

518.04 - RECKLESS OPERATION OF A SKATEBOARD

Reckless operation of a skateboard is unlawful and, for the purposes of this Article, is construed to include the following:

a.) Any person who operates a skateboard on a highway or sidewalk carelessly and willfully, or wantonly disregarding the rights and safety of others, or in a manner so as to endanger any person or property.

b.) Any person who operates a skateboard upon a highway or a sidewalk during the period from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, which is not equipped with a lighted lamp on the front thereof, visible under normal atmospheric conditions for a distance of at least two hundred (200) feet in front of such skateboard, and a red reflector or lamp on the rear exhibiting or reflecting a red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions for a distance of at least two hundred (200) feet of such skateboard.

c.) Any person who operates upon a public highway while the operator holds to or the skateboard is towed by a motor vehicle of any type or description.

d.) Any person who operates any skateboard upon a public highway contrary to the directions of a traffic sign or traffic signal.

e.) Any person who operates a skateboard upon a public highway abreast of another skateboard or other vehicle except in passing.

f.) Any person who operates a skateboard and fails to yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians on sidewalks or highways.

g.) Any person who operates a skateboard and fails to yield the right-of-way to a motor vehicle.

518.05 - PENALTIES FOR OPERATORS UNDER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE

a.) For a first offense of any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance, the skateboard involved shall be confiscated and impounded by the Department of Public Safety, and it may be retrieved by a parent or legal guardian of the operator on the following day.

b.) For a second offense of any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance, the skateboard involved shall be confiscated and impounded by the Department of Public Safety, and upon payment of a fee for impoundment of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars to the City of Franklin, it may be retrieved by a parent or legal guardian of the operator on the following day.

c.) For a third offense of any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance, the skateboard involved shall be confiscated and impounded by the Department of Public Safety, and upon payment of a fee for impoundment of Thirty (\$30.00) Dollars to the City of Franklin it may be retrieved by a parent or legal guardian of the operator on the following day.

d.) For a fourth offense or any subsequent offense of any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance, the skateboard involved shall be confiscated and impounded by the Department of Public Safety, and upon payment of a fee for impoundment of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars to the City of Franklin, it may be retrieved by a parent or legal guardian of the operator on the following day.

518.06 - PENALTIES FOR OPERATORS EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER

Any person eighteen years of age or older violating any provision of this Article shall, before a Magistrate in a proceeding in the form directed by law for summary convictions, be punished by a fine of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars for the first offense; Thirty (\$30.00) Dollars for the second offense; and Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars for the third or subsequent offenses; and, in default of the payment of said fine and costs of said proceeding, said person shall be imprisoned in the Jail of the County of Venango or the Jail of the City of Franklin for a period of five (5) days.

All fees and fines collected by the Department of Public Safety under this Article shall be paid into the General Fund of the City of Franklin.