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10.24.010 Operation on sidewalks—Prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle on the sidewalks of the city.

(Prior code § 4-1.01)

10.24.020 Violation—Penalty.

Any person violating the provisions of this article shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding five dollars (\$5.00).

(Prior code § 4-1.02)

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10.24.030 Purpose.

- A. Pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 21967, this article prohibits or regulates skateboarding on and along public pedestrian walks, bridges, buildings, parking facilities and streets; and on and along privately owned roadways and parking areas associated with shopping centers. The city

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council finds that the practice of skateboarding, which is increasing, within and upon pedestrian walks and malls and privately owned roadways and parking areas at shopping centers creates physical hazards to pedestrians and motorists using such walkways and roadways in that skateboards can be and often are, operated at speeds greatly in excess of normal pedestrian travel and can be and often are, traffic hazards; that the direction of travel of skateboards can be changed and reversed extremely quickly by the operator and without warning to nearby pedestrians and motorists; that total operational control of a skateboard is very rarely, if ever, achieved; that a person operating a skateboard can become easily hidden behind pedestrians and motorists and thus temporarily remain unseen to other nearby pedestrians and motorists; and that the noise emanating from the operation of a skateboard alarms many pedestrians and motorists, particularly when the location of the skateboard is nearby, but not immediately apparent. The city council further finds that mistakes made by the operator of a skateboard, which are frequent, commonly result in the skateboard flying off in an uncontrolled fashion in one direction, thus endangering any persons or motorists nearby, with the rider falling in an uncontrolled manner in another direction, also endangering those nearby and that the noise emanating from the nearby operation of a skateboard on shopping center walkways, privately owned roadways and parking areas is, for these and other reasons, annoying and worrisome to a substantial portion, if not the vast majority, of pedestrians using such walkways and motorists using such privately owned roadways and parking areas.

(Ord. 404 § 2 (part), 1993: prior code § 4-6.01)

10.24.040 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

"Skateboard" means a mechanism having two or more sets of wheels, often resembling wheels on rollerskates, which are fastened to a platform, commonly constructed to accommodate a standing person. Skateboards are normally propelled by the operator pushing off the ground with one foot or by the force of gravity.

"Shopping center" means the privately owned real property upon which a business-commercial development is situated, which development is open to the general public and primarily devoted to retail sales and services from shops and stores situated therein, although it may also contain some offices and eating places, as well as other accessory uses compatible in the retail-sales shopping area.

(Ord. 404 § 2 (part), 1993: prior code § 4-6.02 (part))

10.24.050 Prohibition in central business district.

- A. It is unlawful for any person upon rollerskates, rollerblades or riding on or by means of a coaster, skateboard or similar device to go upon any roadway, sidewalk, bridge or publicly owned building or parking facility in the central business district.
- B. The central business district, for purposes of this article, is defined as that area of the city bounded by and including: (1) Main Street from the intersection of School Street to the intersection of Quinn's Lane and including the alley lying west of and parallel to Main Street from its intersection at Church Street to its intersection at Depot Street; (2) Auburn Street from its intersection with Main Street to its intersection with Whitcomb Avenue. Such district shall include the roadway and sidewalks on both sides of all boundary streets.

(Ord. 404 § 2 (part), 1993: prior code § 4-6.03 (part))

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10.24.060 Sidewalk prohibition.

It is unlawful for any person upon rollerskates, roller blades or riding on or by means of a coaster, skateboard or similar device to go upon any sidewalk or other area devoted to pedestrian traffic within the city. This prohibition shall not be construed to include bicycle lanes and routes so marked outside of otherwise prohibited areas.

(Ord. 404 § 2 (part), 1993: prior code § 4-6.04)

10.24.070 Skateboards prohibited—Specific locations.

- A. No person shall use or operate a skateboard within any shopping center, apartment parking lot or within twenty (20) feet of the entrance of any shop, store or commercial building which has been posted by the owner or manager with a sign, as described below. The posting of these signs is voluntary on the part of any such property manager or owner.
1. For shopping centers, signs shall be posted on the property of the shopping center, along each exterior entrance of the shopping center, in plain view of pedestrians and motor vehicle operators entering the center at such entrances. Additional signs, as described below, may be posted within the interiors of the shopping center. These signs shall be maintained by the management of the shopping center.
 2. Each such sign shall state "SKATEBOARDING PROHIBITED" and underneath, "City of Colfax Municipal Code Section 10.24.070." The signs shall be not less than one square foot in area and will have letters not less than two inches in height.
 3. Managers and owners of private property desiring to post their property shall deliver written notification of such posting to the chief of police not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to posting the signs.
 4. Any manager or owner may withdraw from the provisions of this chapter by notifying the chief of police, in writing, of such withdrawal and removing the required signs.
- B. It is unlawful for any person to ride or propel any skateboard in the following places:
1. On both sides of Main Street between Church Street and Depot Street;
 2. On both sides of Church Street, Grass Valley Street and Depot Street from Main Street to Culver Street and Culver Street between Church Street and West Grass Valley Street;
 3. On both sides of Auburn Street;
 4. On the front sidewalks in front of the House of Standlock, the Liquor Store and the Beacon, Chevron and Tom's Sierra Service Stations on the Freeway Frontage Road; and
 5. On the paved walkway in the Lions Club Park.
- C. The city council may designate additional places where skateboarding is prohibited by resolution; the director of public works shall post or erect or cause to be posted or erected signs prohibiting skateboarding in such places. (Amended during 2004 codification; Ord. 432 § 1, 1995: Ord. 404 § 2 (part), 1993: prior code§ § 4-6.02 (part), 4-6.05)

10.24.080 Right-of-way.

Persons upon roller skates, roller blades or riding by means of a coaster, skateboard or similar device shall yield the right-of-way to all motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians.

(Ord. 404 § 2 (part), 1993: prior code § 4-6.06)

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10.24.090 General prohibitions and restrictions.

- A. No person on roller skates, roller blades or riding on or by means of a coaster, skateboard or similar device shall attach the same or himself or herself to any vehicle or allow himself or herself to be towed by the use of any mechanical device.
- B. No person shall use or operate a skateboard more than thirty (30) minutes after sunset or more than thirty (30) minutes prior to sunrise.
- C. No person shall use or operate a skateboard on any public or private street, alley or right-of-way or on any property owned, used or operated by the city in a manner which endangers the safety of any other person or property.
- D. Skateboards shall only be used or operated on public property while the user is in the standing, upright position.
- E. The use of ramps, jumps or any other device on public property which is used to force the skateboard off of the pavement is prohibited.

(Ord. 404 § 2 (part), 1993: prior code § 4-6.07)

10.24.100 Designation of additional prohibited areas.

The city council may, from time to time, designate additional publicly owned buildings, property or facilities or additional private property as areas upon which it is unlawful for any person to skate, use or ride any skateboard or similar device. Such areas shall be designated by resolution of the city council and shall be posted at the entrance of the property with a sign as described below.

- A. Each such sign shall state "SKATEBOARDING PROHIBITED" and underneath, "Colfax Municipal Code Section 10.24.100." The letters of the prohibition shall be two inches in height and shall be printed in black with a white background. The citation of the Colfax Municipal Code shall be printed in black in letters one inch in height at the bottom and right side of the sign. The sign shall not exceed two hundred eighty (280) square inches in area. (Amended during 2004 codification; Ord. 404 § 2 (part), 1993: prior code § 4-6.08)

10.24.110 Violation—Penalty.

A violation of this chapter shall constitute an infraction and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) for a first offense, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for a second offense and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense thereafter.

(Ord. 432 § 1, 1995: Ord. 404 § 2 (part), 1993: prior code §§ 4-6.03 (part), 4-6.09)