

TOWNSHIP OF MEDFORD

ORDINANCE 2000-28

**AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE
BY CREATING A NEW CHAPTER
ENTITLED "ROLLER SKATES,
SKATEBOARD AND SCOOTERS"**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Medford, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-10.10 believes every person operating any roller skates, skateboards or scooters upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by Chapter 4 of Title 39 of the Statutes, except as to those provisions thereof which by nature have no application; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-10.10(a), the Township Council may, by ordinance, regulate the operation of roller skates, skateboards and scooters upon the roadways and public properties under Township jurisdiction and has determined that, in the interest of safety to the children of Medford Township, all persons under the age of 14 should be required to wear full protective gear, including a helmet, wrist guards, elbow pads and knee pads while operating roller skates, skateboards and scooters; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 39:4-10 establishes guidelines for operation of roller skates, skateboard or scooters on roadway.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Medford in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section One: This ordinance creates a new Chapter 117 of the Medford Township Code, as follows:

§117-1. Roller Skates, Skateboards and Scooters.

A. Definitions. The following terms, as used in this section, are defined below:

"Roller skates" means a pair of devises worn on the feet with a set of wheels attached, regardless of the number or placement of those wheels and used to glide or propel the user over the ground.

"Scooter" means a low board fitted with a wheel at each end and a steering handle attached to the axle of the front wheel used to glide or propel the user across the ground.

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"Skateboard" a piece of wood mounted on skate wheels used to glide or propel the user across the ground.

- B. Requirements.** Every person operating any roller skates, skateboard or scooter upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by Chapter 4 of Title 39, except as those provisions thereof which by their nature can have no application.
- C. Regulations.** The Township Council, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-10.10(a) may regulate the operation of roller skates, skateboards and scooters upon the roadways and public properties under municipal jurisdiction.
- D. Protective Gear.** No person under the age of 14 may operate roller skates or skateboards without wearing full protective gear, including: helmet, wrist guards, elbow pads and knee pads; no person under the age of 14 may operate a scooter without a helmet, elbow pads and knee pads.
- E. Operation of roller skates, skateboards or scooters on roadways.** In accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-10.10(a), any person operating any roller skates, skateboard or scooter upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction; provided, however, that any person may move to the left under any of the following situations.
- (1) to make a left turn from a left-turn lane or pocket;
 - (2) to avoid debris, drains or other hazardous conditions that make it impracticable to ride at the right side of the roadway;
 - (3) to pass a slower moving vehicle;
 - (4) to occupy any available lane when traveling at the same speed as other traffic;
 - (5) to travel no more than two abreast when traffic is not impeded.
- F. Prohibited roadways.**
- The operation of any roller skates, skateboard or scooter by any person under the age of 14 is prohibited upon the following roadways:
- (1) State roadways;
 - (2) County roadways;
 - (3) Any section of roadway with a posted speed limit in excess of 35 miles per hour.

G. Motors prohibited. The use of motorized roller skates, scooter, or skateboard is hereby prohibited. The motor need not be engaged in order for a person to be in violation of this prohibition.

H. Violations, warnings; fines.

- (1) Any person violating this Section shall be fined a minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$250 per offense, as determined in the discretion of the Judge of the Municipal Court.
- (2) Notwithstanding Subsection (1) above, any person under the age of 14 who violates the provisions of Section C above, by failing to wear the appropriate protective gear shall be warned of the violation by the enforcing official. The parent or legal guardian of the violator may be fined a maximum of \$25 for a first offense and a maximum of \$100 for a subsequent offense. The penalties provided under this provision may be waived if the parent or legal guardian of the violator presents suitable proof that an approved helmet or appropriate personal protection equipment has been purchased since the violation occurred. All moneys collected as fines under this section shall be deposited in the "Bicycle and Skating Safety Fund", pursuant to §2 of P.L. 1991, c.465 (C.39:4-10.2).

Section Two: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

Section Three: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately following final passage, adoption and publication as provided by law.

**TOWNSHIP OF MEDFORD
AMENDED ORDINANCE 2000-28**

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Council of Medford Township held on September 20, 2000, amended on October 4, 2000, and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance as amended will be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting of the Township Council to be held on October 18, 2000 at 7:30 P.M., at the Public Safety Building, 91 Union Street, Medford, New Jersey, at which time all interested persons may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance. Copies of said Ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office, 17 N. Main Street, Medford, NJ, to members of the general public who shall request same.


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Township Clerk