

ORDINANCE NO. 590

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENN PROHIBITING THE USE OF SKATEBOARDS AND ROLLERBLADES ON PUBLIC STREETS, ON ANY PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP, AND WITHIN RIGHT-OF-WAYS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENN, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SIDEWALKS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Penn Township, and it is hereby enacted and ordained, in lawful session assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

Skateboard: A device consisting of a flat surface constructed of wood, metal, plastic, fiberglass, or other similar material with two (2) or more wheels affixed to the underside and which is used by a person for coasting and guided by the distribution of the weight of the user in a standing or crouching position.

Rollerblade: A device which is attached to an individual's feet which has wheels attached in a single column along the underside which are propelled by the individual and which are intended primarily for skating on concrete, macadam or hard floors.

SECTION 2. SKATEBOARDING AND ROLLERBLADING PROHIBITED

It shall be unlawful for any person to use, ride, propel or otherwise operate a skateboard or rollerblade at any time on any Township-owned property, public street or rights-of-way, excluding sidewalks.

It shall be unlawful to erect, construct, or place any rail, ramp, or other related device used for skateboarding or rollerblading in a Township right-of-way, public street or sidewalk as well as any property owned, leased, managed or under control of the Township of Penn.

It shall be unlawful to use, ride, propel or otherwise operate a skateboard or rollerblade on private property without the consent of the owners.

SECTION 3. DUTY TO YIELD

Any person engaged in skateboarding or rollerblading shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrians and may not pass or overtake a pedestrian while riding upon or propelling the skateboard or rollerblade, and shall yield the right-of-way to motor vehicles when approaching or crossing a driveway.

SECTION 4. PENALTIES

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to the penalties as prescribed in Chapter 101 of the Penn Township Code.

SECTION 5. PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

The parent and/or guardian of any minor found skateboarding or rollerblading in a prohibited area may be cited under this ordinance.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY

If any section or clause of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, which shall be deemed severable therefrom.

SECTION 7. REPEALER

All Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 8. AMENDMENT TO TOWNSHIP CODE

The Articles hereby adopted shall be deemed to be incorporated into the Penn Township Code so that reference to the Code shall be understood and intended to include such changes.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 21st day of October 2002.

Board of Commissioners of Penn Township

By: Charles A. Stauffer
Charles A. Stauffer, President

Attest:

Kristina J. Rodgers
Kristina J. Rodgers, Township Secretary