

Town of Farmington Roller Skating, Skateboarding, and Scooter Riding Ordinance

- 16-1.1 Title and Authority. This Ordinance shall be known as the Town of Farmington Roller Skating, Skateboarding, and Scooter Riding Ordinance. This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Home Rule power granted in the Maine Constitution, and 30-A MRSA 3001 et. seq.
- 16-1.2 Purpose. Roller-skating, skateboarding and scooter riding are dangerous activities when conducted on streets, sidewalks, and in public areas in a reckless or hazardous manner. The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect the public health and welfare by prohibiting roller-skating, skateboarding, and scooter riding on certain streets, sidewalks, and public areas within the municipality of Farmington.
- 16-1.3 Definitions.
- a. Public Area - includes all publicly owned or leased parking lots and Meetinghouse Park.
 - b. Roller Skate – a shoe with a set of wheels attached for skating over a hard surface.
 - c. Scooter – a foot operated vehicle consisting of a narrow footboard mounted between two wheels tandem with an upright steering handle attached to the front wheel.
 - d. Sidewalk - a space adjacent to a street or highway with a built up curb or grass strip that separates the space from the street or highway, designed exclusively for use by pedestrians.
 - e. Skateboard - a single platform which is mounted on wheels, having no mechanism or other device with which to power, steer, or control the direction of movement thereof while being used, operated, or ridden.
 - f. Streets - includes all streets, highways, roads, avenues, lanes, alleyways, or other public rights-of-way used for the passage of motor vehicles. Streets shall mean the area between the curbs or, if no curbs, that portion of the public right-of-way used for the passage of motor vehicles.
- 16-1.4 Operation on Certain Streets and Sidewalks Prohibited. No person shall operate, or cause to be operated, any roller skates, skateboard, or scooter upon the following streets and sidewalks of the municipality of Farmington in the areas designated:
- Broadway from High Street to Front Street
 - Main Street from Anson Street to Academy Street

- Church Street from High Street to Main Street
- Wilton Road from the Temple Stream Bridge to the Wilton town line

16-1.5 Operation in Public Areas Prohibited. No person shall operate, or cause to be operated, any skateboard, roller skates, or scooter in any publicly owned or leased parking lot or Meetinghouse Park.

16-1.6 Operation on Sidewalks or Streets in Reckless Manner Prohibited. No person shall operate, or cause to be operated, any roller skates, skateboard, or scooter upon any sidewalks or streets of the municipality of Farmington in a reckless or hazardous fashion or in a manner creating interference with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

16-1.7 Operation after dark. No person shall operate, or cause to be operated, any roller skates, skateboard, or scooter upon any sidewalks or streets of the municipality of Farmington between dusk and dawn unless wearing reflective clothing and/or illuminating devices.

16-1.8 Enforcement. Any constable duly authorized by the municipality or any law enforcement officer may enforce this Ordinance.

16-1.9 Penalties. Upon conviction of a violation of this Ordinance, the penalties shall be as follows:

First Offense	Written Warning
Second Offense	\$10.00 Fine
Third Offense	\$25.00 Fine
Fourth Offense	\$50.00 Fine
Fifth and Subsequent Offense	\$100.00 Fine

All fines collected under this Ordinance shall accrue to the General Fund of the Town of Farmington. The parents of any violator seventeen (17) years or younger will be subject to a court summons if fine is not paid. If not paid within thirty (30) days, the offender is subject to a court summons, with a fine of up to \$150.00.

16-2.0 Severability. In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any provision of this Ordinance is invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

16-2.1 Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective when adopted by the legislative body of the municipality of Farmington.

16-2.2 Amendments:

- A. Initiation of Amendments: An amendment to this Ordinance may be initiated by
 - 1. The Board of Selectmen, provided a majority of the Board of Selectmen has so voted;
 - 2. Written petition of a number of voters equal to at least 10% of the number of votes cast in the municipality at the last gubernatorial elections.
- B. Public Hearing: The Board of Selectmen shall hold a public hearing on the proposed amendment. Notification of the hearing shall be posted and advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing.
- C. Adoption of Amendment: An amendment of this Ordinance shall be adopted by a majority vote of a Town Meeting.