

**Article 0807-16: OPERATION OF SKATEBOARDS**

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY. Under the authority granted in 24 VSA Chapter 59 and 24 VSA § 2291 (14) the Selectboard of the Town of Morristown hereby adopts the following civil ordinance regulating the time, place and manner of the operations of skateboards within the Town.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health and safety of people in the Town of Morristown.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS.

- A. "Skateboard" shall mean a vehicle consisting of a narrow board made of metal, wood, plastic or other rigid material, mounted on wheels, or any device comparable in description.
- B. "Operation" shall include any attempt to operate and shall be construed to cover all matters and things connected with the presence and use of skateboards whether they be in motion or at rest.

SECTION 4. OPERATION OF SKATEBOARDS.

- A. Skateboards being operated on sidewalks and public paths shall stay to the right and shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.
- B. Operators of skateboards shall obey all traffic control devices as they apply to pedestrians.
- C. Skateboards shall not be operated on a Town highway except to cross the highway.
- D. No person operating a skateboard shall attach him or herself or attach the skateboard to any other vehicle, such as a bicycle or a motor vehicle, for the purpose of being towed or propelled by that vehicle.
- E. No person shall operate a skateboard in any public parking lot in Town, including parking lots of schools, churches, nursing homes and hospitals.

SECTION 5. PENALTIES.

First Offense.....	Verbal warning
Second Offense.....	\$25.00 fine, \$15.00 waiver fee
Third Offense.....	\$25.00 fine, \$15.00 waiver fee and Confiscation of skateboard for 3 days

SECTION 6. ENFORCEMENT. The Town's Police Department shall be the designated enforcement officers. They shall issue complaints and may be the appearing officer at any hearing.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY. If any section of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Morristown Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 VSA § 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.