

CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

ORDINANCE NO. 502

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING AND REGULATING USE OF SKATEBOARDS, UNICYCLES, COASTERS, ROLLER SKATES, ROLLER BLADES AND SIMILAR DEVICES ON ROADWAYS, SIDEWALKS OR PUBLIC PATHS AND OTHER AREAS OF THE CITY.

THE CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA, ORDAINS:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance shall be of a permanent nature and shall become a part of the City of Palmer Code of Ordinances.

Section 2. Severability. If any provisions of this ordinance, or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Section 12.16.010 is hereby adopted to read as follows.

12.16.010. Skateboards, Rollerblades, Etc.

A. No person may operate a skateboard, unicycle, coaster, roller skates, in-line roller skates (roller blades) or other similar device on

1. any arterial street;
2. a roadway open to vehicular traffic if a sidewalk or paved pathway is adjacent to such roadway;
3. City property (to include without limitation sidewalks, parks, and plazas) within fifty (50) feet of South Alaska Street and South Colony Way south of Cedar Street and north of Fireweed Street; and
4. all City parking lots.

B. When any of the devices set out in subsection A is operated on a roadway the person operating said device shall obey all traffic control devices, shall not attach him- or herself to any vehicle on the roadway, and shall obey all other rules of the road applicable to vehicles and bicycles on a roadway except those which by their nature can have no application to the devices enumerated.

C. Every person using a device set out in subsection A upon any sidewalk or public path shall use the same in a careful and prudent manner and at a rate of speed no greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing at the point of operation, taking into account the amount and character of pedestrian traffic, grade and width of sidewalk or public path, and condition of surface, and shall obey all traffic control devices. Every person using such a device upon a sidewalk or public path shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian thereon.

D. In addition to all other penalties provided in this Code, upon conviction or imposition of civil penalties for violations of this section the Court may forfeit to the city subject to claims of third parties any such devices seized as evidence or the instrumentality of the offense pursuant to this subparagraph.

1. Any officer issuing a citation for violation of this section may seize and impound as evidence or instrumentality of the offense any device utilized by the cited offender in violation of this section.


Section 4. Publication and Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption. Publication shall be by making copies available to the public, and further it shall be published by being printed and included in the Palmer Municipal Code at its next regular supplementation and printing. Publication may also be made by posting a copy hereof on the City Hall bulletin board for a period of ten (10) days following its adoption. A notice of public hearing shall be given by such posting at least five (5) days before final passage.

First Reading: June 11, 1996

Public Hearing &
Second Reading: June 25, 1996

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Palmer, Alaska, this 25th day of June, 1996.


HENRY P. GUINOTTE, Mayor


THOMAS C. SMITH
City Clerk