

**ORDINANCE NO. 2004-16**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STEPHENVILLE, REGULATING THE RIDING AND OPERATION OF ROLLER SKATES, ROLLER BLADES, SKATEBOARDS, COASTERS, SCOOTERS, BICYCLES, AND THE LIKE ON CERTAIN STREETS AND PARKING AREAS, WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF STEPHENVILLE AS SET OUT IN THIS ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING A PENALTY OF A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$200.00 FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.**

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that in order to protect users of roller skates, roller blades, skateboards, coasters, scooters, bicycles, and the like, the motoring public, and property, it is necessary to adopt an ordinance controlling use of these devices.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS:**

Section 130.70 Roller Skates, Roller Blades, Skateboards, Coasters, Scooters, Bicycles, and the like.

- (A) No person shall ride in, ride upon or in any manner operate any roller skates, roller blades, skateboard, scooters, bicycles, or similar device upon any sidewalk, roadway and/or street within the Central Business District of the City. No person shall ride in, ride upon or in any manner operate a bicycle upon any sidewalk within the Central Business District. For the purposes of this section, the Central Business District shall be defined as that portion of the City bounded by Tarleton Street on the north, Long Street on the south, Floral Street on the east and Barton Street on the west.
- (B) Owners or managers of restaurants, businesses, professional buildings, churches, schools, or shopping centers may prohibit persons from riding in, riding upon, or in any manner operating any skates, roller blades, skateboard, scooters, or similar device upon sidewalks and parking lots of said premises. Owners or managers of these types of establishments may prohibit such activity by posting a sign bearing one of the following legends.
  - 1. “USE OF ROLLER SKATES, ROLLER BLADES, SKATE BOARDS, SCOOTERS, OR SIMILAR DEVICES ON THESE PREMISES IS UNLAWFUL. CITY OF STEPHENVILLE ORDINANCE SECTION 130.70.”
  - 2. “IT IS UNLAWFUL TO USE ROLLER SKATES, ROLLER BLADES, SKATE BOARDS, SCOOTERS, OR SIMILAR DEVICES ON THESE PREMISES DURING BUSINESS HOURS. CITY OF STEPHENVILLE ORDINANCE SECTION 130.70.”
  - 3. “IT IS UNLAWFUL TO USE ROLLER SKATES, ROLLER BLADES, SKATE BOARDS, SCOOTERS, OR SIMILAR DEVICES ON THESE PREMISES AFTER BUSINESS HOURS. CITY OF STEPHENVILLE ORDINANCE SECTION 130.70.”
- (C) No person shall ride in, ride upon or in any manner operate any roller skates, roller blades, skateboard, scooters, or similar devices upon the following streets: Washington, Graham, Lillian, Alexander, Mary, Ollie, Frey, Long, Dale, Northwest Loop, South Loop, Lingleville Road, Wolfe Nursery Road, Overhill Drive, Harbin Drive and/or East Road. Persons may cross the listed roadways/streets at an intersection or crosswalk.

- (D) No person shall ride in, ride upon or in any manner operate any roller skates, roller blades, skateboard, scooters, bicycles, or similar devices upon the Birdsong Amphitheater stage.
- (E) The manager/owner of any restaurant, business, professional building, church, schools, shopping center or any other facility may prohibit operation of bicycles on their property by including the word “bicycles” in the legend on the sign they post.
- (F) The provisions of this section shall not apply to wheelchairs or other devices designed to aid handicapped or impaired persons when operated by a handicapped or impaired person.

Section 130.71 Neighborhood Electric Vehicles and Motor Assisted Scooters

- (A) The definition of neighborhood electric vehicle and motor assisted scooters shall be the same as defined by Section 551.301 of the Transportation Code.
- (B) The operation of neighborhood electric vehicles and motor assisted scooters is prohibited on Washington, Graham, Lillian, Alexander, Mary, Ollie, Frey, Long, Dale, Northwest Loop, South Loop, Lingleville Road, Wolfe Nursery Road, Overhill Drive, Harbin Drive, and/or East Road. The vehicle may cross the listed roadways/streets at an intersection or crosswalk.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

PASSED and APPROVED this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004.

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Joe E. Cude, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

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Cindy L. Stafford, City Secretary

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Reviewed by Mark Kaiser,  
Interim City Administrator

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Approved as to form and legality  
Randy Thomas, City Attorney