

**TOWN OF BRIDGTON
SKATEBOARD ORDINANCE**

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the use of skateboards and scooters within the Town of Bridgton.

2. DEFINITION

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:

SKATEBOARD/SCOOTER: A single platform, which is mounted upon wheels, having no mechanism or other device with which to steer or control the direction of movement thereof while being ridden, used, or operated.

3. USE OF SKATEBOARDS/SCOOTERS PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN PLACES:

No person shall use, operate, or ride upon a skateboard/scooter on any public way, sidewalk, or public parking lot within the Town of Bridgton. Further, no person shall use, operate, or ride any skateboard/scooter in any place in the Town of Bridgton in such an unsafe or dangerous manner, as to put himself/herself or others in danger of serious bodily injury or death.

4. PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Bridgton Police Department. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a civil violation and shall be subject to a fine of up to \$25.00 for each violation. The Chief of Police or his authorized agent is hereby authorized and directed to institute any and all actions and proceedings, legal or equitable, that may be necessary or appropriate to enforce the provisions of this ordinance in the name of the municipality. Relief sought through such action may include, but is not limited to, the imposition of a fine or an order to surrender the skateboard or scooter to the Department for a stated period of time.

Any person cited for a violation of this ordinance, who wishes to avoid prosecution, may voluntarily pay a fine to the Town and surrender the skateboard/scooter (if he/she is the owner of same) to the Department within 24 hours of receiving notice of the violation in accordance with the following schedule:

FINE	PERIOD OF SURRENDER OF SKATEBOARD
1 st violation: \$10.00	3 days
2 nd violation: \$15.00	30 days
3 rd & subsequent Violations: \$25.00	Forfeited to and disposed of by the Town

If the person cited for violating this ordinance is under the age of 18, that person shall be accompanied by his or her parent or legal guardian when appearing voluntarily at the Department under this section to pay a fine and surrender the skateboard. The violator (and his/her parent/guardian, where applicable) shall sign a written statement acknowledging the voluntary nature of the payment and surrender being performed by him or her.

Approved - June 6, 1989 Town Meeting