

## **CHAPTER 103 SKATEBOARDS**

- 103.005. Definitions
- 103.010. Skateboarding on Sidewalks, Shared Use Paths, Crosswalks, and Pedestrian Bridges
- 103.015. Skateboarding Prohibited in Certain Areas
- 103.020. Prohibited Operation on Streets with Designated Speeds
- 103.025. Prohibited Operation on Streets
- 103.030. Protective Headgear Required
- 103.035. High Visibility Safety Equipment Required
- 103.040. Prohibited Operation on Sidewalks
- 103.045. Traffic Control Devices
- 103.050. Failure to Yield Right-of-Way
- 103.055. Operation of Skateboard in Standing Position
- 103.060. Riding Single File
- 103.065. Racing
- 103.070. Hitching on Vehicles
- 103.075. Careless Riding

### **103.005. Definitions.**

(a) Unless otherwise provided in this Chapter, terms shall have the meaning prescribed in ORS Chapters 801 through 826, the Oregon Vehicle Code. Where terms are not defined by this Chapter or by the Oregon Vehicle Code, terms shall be given their plain and ordinary meaning.

(b) Unless the context otherwise specifically requires, as used in this Chapter, the following mean:

(1) Coaster means a footboard mounted upon two or more wheels, controlled by an upright steering handle, designed to be ridden by a person, propelled exclusively by human power, and most often propelled by the user usually in an upright position or kneeling.

(2) High visibility safety equipment means lighting or reflective clothing equipment worn by an operator that meets one of the following:

(A) Lighting that emits white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front of the skateboard and a red light visible from a distance of at least 600 feet to the rear of the skateboard.

(B) High visibility garments or safety vest meeting the ANSI 107-2004 Class 2 or 3 standard.

(3) Night means the period of time commencing thirty minutes before sunset and ending thirty minutes after sunrise.

(4) Roller skates means a pair of shoes or boots, each mounted upon wheels, propelled exclusively by human power, and most often propelled by the user in an upright, standing position.

(5) Shared use path means a paved or unpaved path that is physically separated from motor vehicle traffic and is intended to serve, and is used by, bicyclists, pedestrians, in-line skaters, skateboarders, wheelchairs, and other non-motorized users. Shared use paths typically allow bi-directional use.

(6) Skateboard means a board of any material with wheels affixed to the underside, that is not controlled by an upright steering handle, designed to be ridden by a person, and propelled exclusively by human power. For the purposes of this chapter skateboard does not include coasters or roller skates.

(7) Vehicle means any device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway and includes vehicles that are propelled or

powered by any means. As used in this Chapter, vehicle does not include skateboards or manufactured structures as defined in the Oregon Motor Vehicle Code. (Ord No. 26-13)

**103.010. Skateboarding on Sidewalks, Shared Use Paths, Crosswalks, and Pedestrian Bridges.**

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Chapter, an operator of a skateboard on a sidewalk, shared use path, crosswalk, or pedestrian bridge has the same rights and duties as a pedestrian. (Ord No. 26-13)

**103.015. Skateboarding Prohibited in Certain Areas.**

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Chapter, no person shall skateboard in the following areas:

(1) In or upon any of the alleys or sidewalks within the area bounded on the north by Union Street, on the south by the south line of Trade Street, on the east by Cottage Street and on the west by Front Street, but excepting those sidewalks contiguous to and located within Marion Square Park;

(2) In or upon the Salem Civic Center described in SRC 102.005(b)(22);

(3) In or upon the Liberty Parkade, the Chemeketa Parkade, the Pringle Parkade, or the City of Salem Library public parking structure;

(4) In or upon the the area commonly know as Center 50+ and its related parking, and more particularly described as the area bounded on the east by Portland Road, on the south by Highland Avenue, on the West by Brooks Avenue, and on the north by the southern boundary of Lot 2, Hollywood Station No. 2, in the City of Salem, recorded August 30, 2007, in Volume 46, Page 49, Marion County, Oregon, Record of Subdivision Plats;

(5) On private property, unless the owner or person in charge of the property consented to such use of the property;

(6) On any public or private property where signs on the property indicate that skateboard use is prohibited; or

(7) In city parks where skateboarding is prohibited by park operating rules established pursuant to SRC 94.200

(b) A violation of this section is an infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$110.00. (Ord No. 26-13)

**103.020. Prohibited Operation on Streets With Designated Speeds.**

(a) No person shall operate a skateboard:

(1) On any street where the designated speed is 25 mph or less, unless the skateboard is operated as close as practicable to the right curb or edge of the roadway and travels with the flow of traffic;

(2) On any street where the designated speed is greater than 25 miles per hour, unless the skateboard is operated within a marked bike lane and travels with the flow of traffic.

(b) A violation of this section is an infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$110.00. (Ord No. 26-13)

**103.025. Prohibited Operation on Streets.**

(a) No person shall operate a skateboard on a street:

(1) So as to leave a bike lane or place of safety and move into the path of a vehicle that is so close to the operation as to constitute an immediate hazard.

(2) So as to execute a left turn on a street, unless the left turn is executed within a crosswalk.

(3) Without giving the appropriate hand and arm signal before stopping or making a right turn.

(4) When a pedestrian tunnel or pedestrian overhead crossing is present that serves as the pedestrian crossing for the street.

(5) So as to impede traffic or create a traffic hazard.

(b) A violation of this section is an infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$110.00.  
(Ord No. 26-13)

**103.030. Protective Headgear Required.**

(a) No person under 16 years of age shall operate a skateboard on any street, sidewalk, shared use path, crosswalk, or pedestrian bridge without wearing protective headgear of a type approved by the Oregon Department of Transportation under administrative rules adopted pursuant to ORS 815.052.

(b) A violation of this section is an infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$25.00.  
(Ord No. 26-13)

**103.035. High Visibility Safety Equipment Required.**

(a) No person shall operate a skateboard on any street, sidewalk, shared use path, crosswalk, or pedestrian bridge at night unless the skateboard or operator is equipped with high visibility safety equipment.

(b) A violation of this section is an infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$110.00.  
(Ord No. 26-13)

**103.040. Prohibited Operation on Sidewalks.**

(a) No person shall operate a skateboard on a sidewalk:

(1) So as to suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and move into the path of a vehicle in a manner that creates an imminent hazard for the operator or the vehicle;

(2) Without giving an audible warning before overtaking and passing a pedestrian; or

(3) At a speed greater than an ordinary walk when approaching or entering a crosswalk, approaching or crossing a driveway, or crossing a curb cut or pedestrian ramp at a time when a vehicle is approaching the crosswalk, driveway, curb cut, or pedestrian ramp.

(b) A violation of this section is an infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$110.00.  
(Ord No. 26-13)

**103.045. Traffic Control Devices.**

(a) No person operating a skateboard shall fail to obey official traffic control signals, signs, and other control devices applicable to vehicles.

(b) A violation of this section is an infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$110.00.  
(Ord No. 26-13)

**103.050. Failure to Yield Right-of-Way.**

(a) No person operating a skateboard shall fail to yield the right-of-way to any vehicle or pedestrian, including any vehicle or pedestrian that is approaching or crossing a driveway.

(b) A violation of this section is an infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$110.00.  
(Ord No. 26-13)

**103.055. Operation of Skateboard in Standing Position.**

(a) No person shall operate a skateboard within the public right-of-way in other than a standing position.

(b) A violation of this section is an infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$110.00.  
(Ord No. 26-13)

**103.060. Riding Single File.**

(a) No person shall intentionally operate a skateboard on any street alongside another person riding a skateboard, or any vehicle, unless overtaking and passing such skateboard or vehicle.

(b) A violation of this section is an infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$110.00. (Ord No. 26-13)

**103.065. Racing.**

(a) No person shall engage in, or cause others to engage in, a skateboard race upon the streets, sidewalks, shared use path, crosswalk, pedestrian bridge, or any other public property, unless the racing occurs in a city park and is in conformance with park operating rules adopted pursuant to SRC 94.200.

(b) A violation of this section is an infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$110.00. (Ord No. 26-13)

**103.070. Hitching on Vehicles.**

(a) No person shall while operating a skateboard in any way attach themselves or the skateboard to any moving motor vehicle.

(b) A violation of this section is an infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$110.00. (Ord No. 26-13)

**103.075. Careless Riding.**

(a) No person shall ride a skateboard in a manner that endangers or would be likely to endanger any person or property.

(b) A violation of this section is an infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$110.00. (Ord No. 26-13)