

Chapter 170
SKATES AND SKATEBOARDS

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§ 170-1. Legislative findings and intent.

The Village of Caledonia finds it necessary to regulate the use of skateboards and in-line skates in and around the streets and sidewalks of the Village of Caledonia to protect the health and safety of the operators of such devices, as well as the general public. This chapter shall apply within the Village of Caledonia whenever a skateboard is or in-line skates are operated upon any highway, any private road open to public motor vehicle traffic, any street and any public sidewalk.

§ 170-2. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:

IN-LINE SKATE — A manufactured or assembled device consisting of an upper portion that is intended to be secured to a human foot, with a frame or chassis attached along the length of the bottom of such upper portion, with such frame or chassis holding two or more wheels that are longitudinally aligned, and used to skate or glide, by means of human foot and leg power, while having such device attached to each such foot or leg.

REFLECTIVE CLOTHING — Any shirt, vest, jacket or any other readily visible piece of apparel equipped with a reflective surface such as phosphorescent tape or an equivalent reflective surface.

SKATEBOARD — Any platform of wood, plastic, fiberglass or similar material with rollerskate or other types of attached wheels and used for gliding or moving on hard surfaces.

§ 170-3. Operational regulations and prohibitions.

- A. Obedience to laws, rules and regulations. Every person operating a skateboard, skates or in-line skates upon a public highway, road or street, dedicated or otherwise, within the Village of Caledonia shall be subject to the provisions of all ordinances and local laws of the Village of Caledonia and Article 34 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.
- B. Operation upon sidewalks and roadway.

(1) No operator of a skateboard, skates or in-line skates shall so operate upon a sidewalk or roadway within any business district within the Village of Caledonia. The business district within the Village of Caledonia is defined as:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Main Street	Both	Monument to Center Street and Pioneer Street
State Street	Both	Monument to Maple Street
North Street	Both	Monument to Pioneer Street
East Avenue	Both	Monument to Crescent Parkway

(2) Whenever any person shall operate a skateboard, skates or in-line skates upon a sidewalk or roadway, such person shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

§ 170-4. Reflective clothing and other equipment.

No operator of a skateboard, skates or in-line skates shall so operate at night unless he or she is wearing reflective clothing, which shall be visible from a distance of not less than 50 feet and a maximum of 300 feet from the front, side and rear of the skateboard, skates or in-line skates when directly in front of the lawful beams of headlights on a motor vehicle.

§ 170-5. Emergence from alleys, driveways and buildings.

The operator of a skateboard, skates or in-line skates, emerging from an alley, driveway or building, shall, upon approaching a sidewalk, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on said sidewalk.

§ 170-6. Standing, storage and parking of skateboards.

No person shall stand, park or otherwise place in a position of temporary storage a skateboard upon a highway, street, sidewalk or against any building abutting a sidewalk in such a manner that shall obstruct or render injury to a pedestrian or interfere with vehicular traffic.

§ 170-7. Clinging to vehicles prohibited.

No operator of a skateboard, skates or in-line skates shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle being operated.

§ 170-8. Responsibility of parent or guardian.

The parent of a minor child or the guardian of a minor child shall not authorize or knowingly permit any such child to violate any provisions of this chapter.

§ 170-9. Penalties for offenses.

Any police officer or peace officer who shall observe any person operating a skateboard, skates or in-line skates in violation of this chapter shall take possession of the skateboard, skates or in-line skates and issue a dated, written notice of such violation to the person, if over 16 years of age, and to the person and his or her parent or guardian, if under 16 years of age, together with a copy of this chapter. In the case of the first offense, the skateboard, skates or in-line skates will be returned to the person at the police station upon the appearance of the person, if the person is 16 years of age or older, or the appearance of the person accompanied by his or her parent or guardian if the person is under the age of 16 years of age. In the case of the second offense, upon the expiration of 15 days of the date of the violation, the skateboard, skates or in-line skates will be returned to the person at the police station upon the appearance of the person, if the person is 16 years of age or older, or the appearance of the person accompanied by his or her parent or guardian if the person is under 16 years of age. In the case of a third violation, upon the expiration of 60 days from the date of the offense, the skateboard, skates or in-line skates shall be returned to the person at the police station upon the appearance of the person, if the person is 16 years of age or older, or the appearance of the person accompanied by his or her parent or guardian if the person is under 16 years of age. In the case of any further violations by the same person, upon the expiration of one year from the date of the violation, the skateboard, skates or in-line skates will be returned to the person at the police station upon the appearance of the person, if the person is 16 years of age or older, or the appearance thereof of the person accompanied by his or her parent or guardian if the person is under 16 years of age.

§ 170-10. Disposal of skateboard, skates or in-line skates.

If, as a result of a violation of this chapter, any police officer or peace officer impounds a skateboard, skates or in-line skates, which skateboard, skates or in-line skates are not claimed at the police station after the expiration of 1½ years after the date of violation, the police may dispose of the skateboard, skates or in-line skates in accordance with the provisions for disposing of property under the New York State Personal Property Law as lost and found property.