

**CHAPTER 74: BICYCLES, ROLLER BLADES, ROLLER SKATES,  
ROLLER SKIS AND SKATEBOARDS**

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**BICYCLES**

**§ 74.01 DEFINITION.**

For the purpose of this subchapter, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**BICYCLE.** Every device propelled solely by human power upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels, except scooters and similar devices, and including any device generally recognized as a **BICYCLE** though equipped with two front or rear wheels.

**§ 74.07 CARRYING ARTICLES.**

It is unlawful for any person operating a bicycle to carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars.  
Penalty, see § 74.99

**§ 74.08 LIGHTING AND BRAKE EQUIPMENT.**

(A) Every bicycle, when in use at night time, shall be equipped with, or its operator shall carry a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front, and with a red reflector on the rear of a type approved by the Department of Public Safety which is visible from all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector. No person may, at any other time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the highway at a distance of 500 feet ahead, operate a bicycle unless the bicycle or its operator is equipped with reflective surfaces that shall be visible during the hours of darkness from 600 feet when viewed in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. The reflective surfaces shall include reflective materials on each side of each pedal to indicate their presence from the front or the rear and with a minimum of 20 square inches on each side of the bicycle or its operator of white reflective material. All reflective materials used in compliance with this section shall meet the requirements as prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

(B) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.  
Penalty, see § 74.99

**§ 74.09 SALE WITH REFLECTORS.**

It is unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale any new bicycle unless it is equipped with such reflectors as are prescribed in § 74.08.  
Penalty, see § 74.99

***ROLLER BLADES, ROLLER SKATES, ROLLER SKIS AND SKATEBOARDS*****§ 74.25 DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this subchapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

***BUSINESS DISTRICT.*** That part of the City so designated by council resolution.

***OPERATE.*** To ride on or upon or control the operation of roller blades, roller skates, or a skateboard.

***OPERATOR.*** Every person who operates or is in actual physical control of roller blades, roller skates, or a skateboard.

***ROLLER BLADES/ROLLER SKATES.*** A shoe with wheels attached or a device with wheels which is designed to be attached to a shoe.

***ROLLER SKIS.*** A pair of skis platformed with wheels attached which is intended to simulate skiing.

***SKATEBOARD.*** A device for riding-upon, usually while standing, consisting of an oblong piece of wood, or of other composition, mounted on skate wheels.

**§ 74.26 UNLAWFUL ACTS.**

(A) It is unlawful for any person to operate roller blades, roller skates, roller skis or a skateboard under the circumstances set forth hereafter:

- (1) On any public sidewalk, street, or public parking lot within the Business District;
- (2) On private property of another without the express permission to do so by the owner or occupant of the property; or
- (3) In any careless, reckless, or negligent manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger the safety of any person or property of any other person.

(B) It is unlawful for any person operating roller blades, roller skates, roller skis or a skateboard to attach the same, or the person of the operator, to any vehicle upon a street.

(C) Every person operating roller blades, roller skates, roller skis or a skateboard upon a street shall ride as close as possible to the right-hand curb or edge of the street.

(D) Every person operating roller blades, roller skates, roller skis or a skateboard upon a street shall observe the same rules of the road as required of bicycles, pursuant to M.S. § 169.222.  
Penalty, see § 74.99

**§ 74.27 RIGHT-OF-WAY.**

The operator of roller blades, roller skates, roller skis or a skateboard emerging from any alley, driveway, or building, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, shall yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on the sidewalk or sidewalk area and upon entering the street shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the street.  
Penalty, see § 74.99

**§ 74.28 HOURS OF USE.**

It is unlawful for any person to use roller blades, roller skates, roller skis or a skateboard upon a public street, sidewalk, or other roadway from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., except on private property with express permission of owner, and except if the roller blades, roller skates, roller skis, skateboard or operator are equipped with reflective surfaces that shall be visible during the hours of darkness from 600 feet when viewed in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. The reflective material shall be a minimum of 40 square inches. All reflective materials used in compliance with this section shall meet the requirements as prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Safety.  
Penalty, see § 74.99

**§ 74.99 VIOLATIONS.**

A person apprehended by a peace officer in violation of the provisions of this chapter does, by his or her use of the public sidewalks, streets, and public parking lots, consent to the impoundment by a police officer of the roller blades, roller skates, roller skis or skateboard for a period of three days upon a first offense, a week upon the second offense and 30 days upon a third or additional offense. Any operator aggrieved by the impoundment of his or her roller blades, roller skates, roller skis or skateboard may petition the Council for a hearing thereon at the next regular Council meeting following the impoundment. This provision is in addition to the provisions for fines and penalties as set forth in § 10.99.

