

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF HURON  
VILLAGE OF PORT AUSTIN**

ORDINANCE NO. 67  
SKATEBOARDS, ROLLER SKATES, & STREET SKATES.

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE USE OF  
SKATEBOARDS, ROLLER SKATES, AND STREET SKATES**

**THE VILLAGE OF PORT AUSTIN ORDAINS:**

**Section 1. Definition.**

For the purpose of this Ordinance, certain items and words are hereby defined

- a.) “Roller Skates and Street Skates” means small wheels near the toe and the heel of shoe or frame that would attach to a shoe which are used for gliding on a hard surface such as a floor, sidewalk, etc.
- b.) “Skateboards” refers to an item consisting of a short, oblong board with small wheels at each end, ridden on a hard surface such as a floor or sidewalk.
- c.) “To roller skate” means to skate on any type of roller skates or street skates.

**Section 2. Roller Skates, Street Skates and Skateboards regulated.**

No person shall roller skate or ride a skateboard within the Village of Port Austin without complying with the terms of this ordinance.

**Section 3. Skating or Riding on Sidewalk.**

Whenever any person is roller skating or riding a skateboard upon a sidewalk or other paved surface intended for use by pedestrians, such person shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian and shall not approach, overtake or pass such pedestrian in a reckless or careless manner, and shall not pass such pedestrian except in a single file if such person is roller skating or riding a skateboard with other such skaters or riders.

**Section 4. Skating or Riding on Certain Devices or Structures Prohibited.**

It shall be unlawful to roller skate or ride on a skateboard on any bench, table, plant wall, or other device or structure in the public business sector, which is not intended for pedestrian or vehicle traffic, or to jump or step on or off such devices or structures in the process of roller skating or riding a skateboard.

**Section 5. Skating or Riding Prohibited Where Posted.**

The Chief of Police is hereby authorized to erect signs on any sidewalk prohibiting roller skating or the riding of skateboards thereon. It shall be unlawful to roller skate or ride a skateboard on any such posted sidewalk. No riding or skating is permitted on any lands leased or owned by the public in the Central Business District.

**Section 6. Reckless or Dangerous Skating or Riding Prohibited.**

No person shall roller skate or ride a skateboard on any sidewalk or other paved surface intended for pedestrians in a reckless or careless manner, or in a manner which is likely to result in injury or harm to any person or property.

**Section 7. Skating or Riding on Private Property Without Permission Prohibited.**

No person shall roller skate or ride a skateboard on private property without first obtaining and carrying on his or her person the written permission of the owner of said private property to allow such skating or riding. Failure of a person who has been roller skating or riding a skateboard on private property to produce such written permission, upon the request of any police officer, shall constitute prima facie evidence that said person is in violation of this section.

**Section 8. Penalties.**

The penalties for violating Section 5 shall specifically include, without limitation, the right to eject any person from the posted area who is using a skateboard or roller skates. The penalties for Sections 2 through 7 shall include the right to impound as evidence any skates or skateboard which is used contrary to their provisions, pending the prosecution of such an alleged violation of these sections, and/or a fine of not less than \$10.00 and not more than \$100.00.

**Section 9. Adoption.**

The Ordinance shall be come effective ten (10) days after passage and publication.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Village of Port Austin Council at a meeting thereof duly called and held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1988.

Notice of adoption published on August 1, 1988.

This Ordinance shall take effect on August 11, 2003.

Dated: July 26, 1988

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KAY F. GORDON  
Port Austin Village Clerk

Dated: July 26, 1988

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EDWIN KORN, JR.  
Port Austin Village President