

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
MUNICIPAL CODE**

**CHAPTER 14
ORDINANCE REGULATING SKATEBOARDS, SCOOTERS AND ROLLERBLADES**

SECTION 1401.

Every person riding a skateboard, scooter or using rollerblades is granted all of the rights and is subject to all of the duties applicable to operators of vehicles, except as to those provisions which by their very nature, have no applications, or is otherwise stated in this ordinance. Whenever such person dismounts from a skateboard, scooter or rollerblades, he/she shall be subject to all regulations applicable to pedestrians.

SECTION 1402.

A person emerging from an alleyway, driveway or building while skateboarding, riding a scooter or rollerblading shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on said sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all motorized vehicles approaching on said roadway, unless they are in a designated crosswalk.

SECTION 1403.

Whenever any person is skateboarding, riding a scooter or rollerblading upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

SECTION 1404.

At no time may any person ride a skateboard, scooter or rollerblade on Park Street, Pearl Street, Main Street, Lincoln Street, West Street or South Street. They must use the sidewalk.

At no time may any person ride a skateboard, scooter or rollerblade in the roadway or on the sidewalk on Railroad Avenue or Central Street from the railroad tracks to Lincoln Street or on Main Street from the railroad tracks to the Five Corners intersection.

At no time may any person ride a skateboard, scooter or rollerblade in Lincoln Hall Square. This includes all buildings (Essex Jct. Municipal Building, Brownell Library, and Essex Jct. Fire Station), grounds and municipal parking lots. At no time may any person ride a skateboard, scooter or rollerblade in Veterans Memorial Park. *(amended 1/11/05)*

SECTION 1405.

Any person who violates a provision of this ordinance shall be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$500 per day for each day that such violation continues. Police Officers of the Town of Essex shall be authorized to act as Issuing Municipal Officials to issue and pursue before the Traffic and Municipal Ordinance Bureau a municipal complaint.

SECTION 1406:

An Issuing Municipal Official is authorized to recover a waiver fee, in lieu of a civil penalty, in the following amount, for any person who declines to contest a municipal complaint and pays the waiver fee:

First offense - \$ 25	Third offense - \$ 100
Second offense - \$ 50	Fourth - and subsequent offenses \$ 200

Offenses shall be counted on a calendar year basis.

SECTION 1407:

An Issuing Municipal Official is authorized to recover civil penalties in the following amounts for each violation:

First offense - \$ 50	Third offense - \$ 200
Second offense - \$ 100	Fourth - and subsequent offenses \$ 400

Offenses shall be counted on a calendar year basis.

SECTION 1408:

In addition to the enforcement procedures available before the Traffic and Municipal Ordinance Bureau, the Village Manager is authorized to commence a civil action to obtain injunctive and other appropriate relief, or to pursue any other remedy authorized by law.

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(Sections 1401 through 1404 were amended May 8, 2001 to include 'scooters')*