

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-4

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF SKATEBOARDS, ROLLER SKATES, ROLLER BLADES, SCOOTERS OR BICYCLES IN KING STREET PARK AND DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT IN THE BOROUGH OF NORTHUMBERLAND

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has certain safety concerns regarding the use of skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, scooters and bicycles in the King Street Park and the downtown business district of the Borough of Northumberland; and

WHEREAS, the safety of citizens who utilize the King Street Park and pedestrians in the downtown business district of the Borough of Northumberland should not be jeopardized by the use of skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, scooters and bicycles;

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has concerns with its general liability if it does not take action to prevent foreseeable injuries to citizens and pedestrians who utilize the King Street Park and the downtown business district from the misuse of skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, scooters and bicycles in said areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Northumberland, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the council of same, as follows:

1. It shall be unlawful for any individual to use a skateboard, roller skates, roller blades, scooters and bicycles on the sidewalks, parking lots or curbs in the King Street Park and downtown business district of the Borough of Northumberland. The downtown business district shall be defined to include Front Street from King to Duke Street and Queen Street from Water to Second Street.

2. Any individual found to be in violation of this Ordinance shall be subject to the penalties in the Order set forth below:

(a) A first offense shall result in the confiscation of the skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, scooters and bicycles for a period of thirty (30) days.

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(b) A second and any subsequent offense shall result in the imposition of a fine to be set forth in the Borough Code Section regarding fines and penalties.

(c) In the event a minor is involved with any of the offenses enumerated above, the parent(s) or guardian(s) shall be served with written notice of the infraction and person who shall be responsible for the payment of same.

(d) No skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, scooters and bicycles shall be returned to a minor without a parent or guardian present.

3. Any prior ordinance inconsistent with the provisions contained herein shall be repealed.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED into an Ordinance this _____ day of _____, 2003.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF NORTHUMBERLAND

Secretary

BY: _____
President of Council

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2003.

Mayor