

ORDINANCE 2013- 03

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COUNCIL  
OF THE BOROUGH OF CATAWISSA  
TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF ROLLER  
SKATES, SKATEBOARDS, ROLLER BLADES AND SCOOTERS (SELF-PROPELLED  
DEVICES).**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Catawissa deems it to be in the best interest of the health, maintenance, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough of Catawissa to enact an Ordinance promulgating rules and regulations for the use of roller skates, skateboards, roller blades and scooters (self-propelled devices).

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Council of the Borough of Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

**PART 1 – DEFINITIONS.**

As used in this Part, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

**ROADWAY** – that portion of the highway designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, including sidewalks.

**SELF-PROPELLED RECREATIONAL DEVICE** – any wheeled vehicle that is self-propelled either by human power or by motor, including but not limited to: skateboards, tricycles, unicycles, any type of scooters, roller skates, or roller blades, but excluding therefrom bicycles and electric personal assistive mobility devices (EPAMD). Devices such as wagons or baby carriages, which are propelled by means external to the device, shall not be considered a self-propelled recreational device under this part.

**SIDEWALK** – that portion of the highway designated or ordinarily used for pedestrian travel.

## **PART 2 – RULES OF THE ROAD AND UNLAWFUL ACTS**

1. No person shall ride a self-propelled recreational device upon any sidewalk, park, school yard or any public place or any roadway so as to obstruct pedestrian traffic or endanger another person's safety, or ride a self-propelled recreational device on any highway, street or roadway in such a manner as to impede the normal flow of vehicular traffic.
2. No person shall let a self-propelled recreational device stand upon any sidewalk, park, path, roadway or any public place where it is in an obstruction or hazard to pedestrians.
3. No person shall ride a self-propelled recreational device onto or from any bench, chair, flowerbox, retaining wall or public accessory or structure which is not intended for pedestrian foot traffic, or any stairway or any area or space intended only for pedestrian foot traffic.
4. No ramps, rails or similar devices shall be used on any street, right-of-way, parking lot or sidewalk, and no person shall use ramps, rails or similar devices in such a manner to cause the person to land on a street, right-of-way, parking lot or sidewalk.
5. No more than one-(1) person shall operate or ride on a self-propelled recreational device at one time.
6. No person or pedestrian shall ride a self-propelled recreational device on any roadway where the volume of speed of the vehicular traffic or the width of any roadway renders the roadway unsafe or unsuitable for self-propelled recreational devices.
7. Self-propelled recreational device operators on sidewalks and roadways shall yield the right-of-way to all pedestrian (nonself-propelled recreational device) traffic upon the sidewalk or roadway.
8. No person or pedestrian shall ride or operate a self-propelled recreational device on any sidewalk on the following streets: Mill Street from Creek Road to Fourth Street; Main Street from Fourth Street to First Street.

## **PART 3 – COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS**

No person shall operate a self-propelled recreational device on any roadway or public alley in the Borough of Catawissa in violation of any traffic ordinances of the Borough of Catawissa or the laws and statutes of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**PART 4 – VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

Every person violating the provisions of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof before the District Justice, pay a fine of not less than Five (\$5.00) Dollars nor more than Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars, plus Court costs and shall be ordered to pay restitution should any damage or injury have resulted from the act giving rise to the violation of this Part. In default of payment of the same, every person shall be sentenced to One (1) hour of community service in the Borough of Catawissa for each Five (\$5.00) Dollars imposed by the District Justice.

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED THIS 11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2013.**

**ATTEST:**

**BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF CATAWISSA**

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Borough Secretary

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council President

**APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013.**

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Mayor

Ordinance was originally passed by vote of Council on February 11, 2013. The Borough copy was not signed, dated or sealed. The records reflect that said Ordinance was properly advertised and passed by vote of Council. Upon discovery of the lack of signature, date, and seal, current Council president is authorized to sign, date, and seal.

*Kendrick Broadus*  
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Borough Secretary

BY: *Ray Steniewski 1/13/2017*  
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Council President