

## ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Section 15.08.185 of Title 15 - Vehicles and Traffic of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to the definition of the word "Skateboard" by eliminating the phrase "or device" and the phrase "propelled by pushing, pulling, or gravitational forces, and to which there is not affixed any device or mechanism for steering" in the current definition and adding the phrases "containing a flat surface" and "designed to be or can be ridden or propelled by one or more persons standing, lying, sitting, or kneeling upon it."

This ordinance amends Section 17.20.020 of Title 17 - Parks, Beaches and Other Public Areas of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to the definition of the word "Skateboard" by adding the words "lying, sitting," to the current definition.

These revisions are needed to clarify how a skateboard can be ridden or propelled and because most modern-day skateboards are equipped with devices or mechanisms for steering. By amending these sections, law enforcement will be able to issue effective citations in furtherance of public safety, when necessary.

This ordinance also adds Section 15.54.030 to Title 15 - Vehicles and Traffic of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to "Wheeled devices" to prohibit wheeled devices from being used in the manner described. By adding this section, law enforcement will be able to issue effective citations in furtherance of public safety, when necessary.

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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

This ordinance amends Section 15.08.185, adds Section 15.54.030 of Title 15 - Vehicles and Traffic of the Los Angeles County Code, and amends Section 17.20.020 of Title 17 - Parks, Beaches and Other Public Areas of the Los Angeles County Code.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 15.08.185 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**15.08.185 Skateboard.**

"Skateboard" means any board or any other object containing a flat surface or ~~device~~ which has wheels attached to it by any means whatsoever and which is ~~propelled by pushing, pulling, or gravitational forces, and to which there is not affixed any device or mechanism for steering~~ designed to be or can be ridden or propelled by one or more persons standing, lying, sitting, or kneeling upon it.

**SECTION 2.** Section 15.54.030 is hereby added to read as follows:

**15.54.030 Wheeled Devices – Prohibited on Greater than Three-**

**Percent Grade or in Excess of Ten Miles Per Hour.**

A. No person shall ride on or propel any wheeled device, except a motor vehicle as defined in California Vehicle Code section 415; a bicycle as defined in California Vehicle Code section 231; or a self-propelled wheelchair, motorized tricycle, or motorized quadricycle, if operated by a person who, by reason of physical disability, is otherwise unable to move about as a pedestrian, on any County road, street, highway, lane, or alley which has a grade in excess of three percent.

B. No person shall ride on or propel any wheeled device, except a motor vehicle as defined in California Vehicle Code section 415; a bicycle as defined in

California Vehicle Code section 231; or a self-propelled wheelchair, motorized tricycle, or motorized quadricycle, if operated by a person who, by reason of physical disability, is otherwise unable to move about as a pedestrian, on any County road, street, highway, lane, or alley in excess of 10 miles per hour.

**SECTION 3.** Section 17.20.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**17.20.020 Definitions.**

Unless the context requires otherwise, the definitions set forth in this section apply to the following terms as used in this chapter.

A. "County property" means real property in the unincorporated and incorporated areas of the eCounty which property is owned, leased, or controlled by the eCounty, including, without limitation, public buildings and facilities and their surrounding grounds and improvements, walkways, footpaths, stairs, access ramp, railings, monuments, fountains, plazas, driveways, parking lots, or other paved areas.

For the purposes of this chapter, "eCounty property" shall not include eCounty roads, streets, highways, sidewalks, lanes or alleys, which are defined and regulated by Title 15 of this code.

B. "Roller skates" means any device or conveyance with any number of wheels, tracks or gliding surfaces, whether off-set or in-line, worn on the feet or that can be attached to the sole of a shoe, and which are designed to be or can be propelled by human power, and includes "in-line skates" or "rollerblades."

C. "Skateboard" means any board or any other object with containing a flat surface which has wheels attached to it by any means whatsoever and which is

designed to be or can be ridden or propelled by one or more persons standing, lying,  
sitting, or kneeling upon it.

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