

**ORDINANCE NO. 01-40**

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF PERSONAL RECREATION EQUIPMENT UPON SIDEWALKS WITHIN SPECIFIC AREAS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF VERSAILLES, OHIO**

**WHEREAS**, the riding of personal recreation equipment; more commonly known as skateboards, coasters, roller skates, roller blades, scooters, sleds, toy vehicles, and other similar devices poses a threat of injury and/or damage to pedestrians as well as the sidewalks, curbs, outdoor appointments and furnishings, structures, and adjacent properties of and within the Village of Versailles; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Village of Versailles to prohibit the riding of such personal recreation vehicles upon sidewalks where a high degree of pedestrian travel occurs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Council of the Village of Versailles, Ohio:

**SECTION ONE:** That for the purposes of this ordinance, “Personal Recreation Equipment” shall mean any skateboard, coaster, roller skates, roller blades, scooter, sled, toy vehicle, or other similar devices propelled by human power and gravity consisting of material or a portion of material formed with wheels attached to the underside.

**SECTION TWO:** That no person shall use or operate any personal recreation equipment upon the sidewalks or dedicated public right-of-ways along the following streets within the Village of Versailles, Ohio:

- (a) Any location along Main Street from Steffin Street west to Pearl Street;
- (b) Any location along West Street north from Wood Street to Water Street;
- (c) Any location along Center Street north from Wood Street to Water Street;
- (d) Any location along Second Street north from Wood Street to Water Street; and
- (e) Any additional location posted as “No Personal Recreation Equipment.”

**SECTION THREE:** Whoever violates the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to the following penalties:

- (a) **FIRST OFFENSE:** The person shall be issued a written warning by the Police Department of the Village of Versailles. If the person violating this ordinance is a minor, in addition to having the written warning, the Village Police shall notify the parent, guardian, or other person having legal custody of said minor of the violation of this ordinance.
- (b) **SECOND OFFENSE:** Any person who is in violation of this ordinance a second time shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor, and shall be subject to the penalty provided in Section 698.02 of the codified ordinances of the Village of Versailles, Ohio.
- (c) **THIRD AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES:** Any person who is in violation of this ordinance a third and/or subsequent number of times shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree, and shall be subject to the penalties as provided in Section 698.02 of the codified ordinances of the Village of Versailles, Ohio.

**SECTION FOUR:** This ordinance is hereby determined to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate protection of the public and private property and to preserve the public peace, health, and safety and shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date allowed by law.

**PASSED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 2001.

Richard C. Christian  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Ann Gump  
Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Thomas Guillozet  
Asst. Village Attorney