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Bicycle, Rollerblade and Skateboard Ordinances

May 13, 2020—Olean—It is great to have the sun shining and the temperatures rising in the Olean area. The weather has not been perfect this spring; it seems like within hours warm days give way to snow storms. But summer will come and the City of Olean would like to remind residents of the City's Ordinances regarding bicycles, rollerblades (Sec 24-256 and 24-257) and skateboards (Sec. 24-254).

Riding bicycles in any of Olean's public parks and playgrounds is prohibited.

Bicycling and rollerblading are prohibited on any sidewalk within the business district which runs, as defined in the City Code of Ordinances, from Whitney Avenue south along North Union Street to the intersection of State Street; and from that intersection west along West State Street to the intersection of Fourth Street.

Skateboarding is prohibited on the sidewalks and the roads in the business district. The City Code of Ordinances defines the business district for skateboards as State Street, Union Street, Wayne Street and Front Street. Skateboarders on the paved portion of a highway or road, shall operate the skateboard in strict observance of the laws applicable to vehicles and in compliance with the rules of the road. Skateboarders emerging from alleys, driveways and buildings shall yield to the right of way of pedestrians upon approaching the sidewalk. Skateboards cannot be stood, parked or placed in a position of temporary storage on a highway, street, sidewalk, or against any building abutting a sidewalk in such a manner that would obstruct or render injury to a pedestrian or interfere with vehicular traffic.

When operating on a sidewalk any person on a bicycle, rollerblades or skateboard should yield to the right-of-way of pedestrians and give an audible signal before overtaking and passing pedestrians.

Parents or guardians of minors should not authorize or knowingly permit a child to violate these ordinances.

There are penalties for the listed offenses. Any person violating any provision of this section will be guilty of an offense and shall pay a fine not to exceed \$25, bicycles or skateboards operated in violation of this section may be immediately impounded and payment of storage fees of \$2 per day plus an impound fee of \$5 will be responsibility of the violator.

For more information regarding these ordinances, please refer the City of Olean Code of Ordinances which can be found on the City's website at www.cityofolean.org