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Section 53.01: APPLICABLE RULES. No person may operate a skateboard, bicycles, electric bicycles, scooter, including electric scooters, hoverboards or rollerskates, including in-line skates, (hereinafter referred to as “Equipment”) within the City of Albany in violation of the following rules. For the purpose of this ordinance, “operate” shall include riding or using the Equipment, whether or not the operator maintains control over the Equipment.

Section 53.01 amended on 12/3/2025

Subd. 1: All persons shall operate the Equipment at a speed that is reasonable for conditions of traffic and visibility, and shall be able to stop, if necessary, and yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian upon any public way upon which they are riding, and to all vehicles which are so close as to constitute a hazard.

Subd. 2: No person may operate the equipment in such a way that endangers or is likely to endanger themselves or others.

Subd. 3: Except as modified and made more restrictive in this Ordinance, every person operating this Equipment has all rights and duties applicable to the operation of bicycles contained in Minn. Stat. § 169.222.

Subd. 4: The operation of all skateboards, bicycles, electric bicycles, scooters (including electric scooters), hoverboards and roller skates within the portions of the business district or downtown area within the City is prohibited. The boundaries of the business district are described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and 1st Street; then West along the North sidewalk of Railroad Avenue to the West line of Eighth Street. Operators may cross Railroad Avenue to go north and south but may not ride along Railroad Ave to travel east and west on the north sidewalk.

Section 53.01 Subd. 4 amended on 12/3/2025

Subd. 5: The City Council may, by resolution, prohibit the operation of skateboards, scooters, roller skates and in-line roller skates within areas of the City; provided that the resolution is recommended by the Police Chief and the City Council finds that the prohibition is necessary to protect pedestrians or to eliminate hazards.

Subd. 6: Operators are prohibited from being pushed, pulled or propelled by a motorized vehicle.

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Subd. 7: Operators are required to obtain written permission to operate the Equipment on private property and shall carry such permission on their person when operating on the private property.

Subd. 8: Operators are prohibited from operating Equipment in a City owned parking lot.

Section 53.02: PENALTY. A violation of this Ordinance shall be a petty misdemeanor. Fines for violations are as established by the City Council from time to time in Appendix A.