

**ORDINANCE NO. 00-02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF RIDGECREST AMENDING THE  
RIDGECREST MUNICIPAL CODE AS IT RELATES  
TO THE CITY'S SKATE PARK**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
RIDGECREST as follows:**

**Section 1. Purpose.**

This ordinance amends the Ridgecrest Municipal Code relating to rules and regulations for use by the public of the City's skate park. This ordinance will provide notice to members of the public that skateboarding and inline skating are hazardous recreational activities and that the City will not be liable for injuries as a result of such activities on City property.

**Section 2. Amendment.**

Section 4-7.103 of the Ridgecrest Municipal Code is amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**"4-7.103. Skate Park Designated.**

The City designates and maintains as a skate park facility (hereinafter "Skate Park") at 300 East French Avenue for purpose of riding skateboards and inline skates."

**Section 3. Amendment.**

Section 4-7.104 of the Ridgecrest Municipal Code is amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**"4-7.104. Required Riding Equipment in Skate Park.**

(a) No person shall ride or use a skateboard, roller skates, or inline skates in the Skate Park unless a person is wearing a helmet, elbow pads and knee pads in an area that is clearly posted for skateboarding, roller skating or inline skating use. Additional obstacles, such as ramps

or jumps, may not be used at the park. The City Council may adopt additional Skate Park rules by resolution.

(b) The following terms are defined for the purpose of this section: 'Inline skate' means a vehicle, device or contrivance with wheels in a straight line attached to a shoe, or other foot gear, which is designed to be, or can be, propelled by human power and which is not defined as a bicycle by the California Vehicle Code. The term 'inline skate' does not include motorized inline skates.

'Roller skate' means a vehicle, device, or contrivance with wheels attached to a shoe, or other foot gear, designed to be, or can be, propelled by human powers, and which is not defined as a bicycle by the California Vehicle code. The term 'roller skate' does not include motorized roller skates.

'Skateboard' means in a vehicle, device, or contrivance with wheels, with a riding surface of any design upon which a person may place one or more feet, and which is designed to be, or can be, propelled by human power, and which is not defined as a bicycle by the California Vehicle Code. The term 'skateboard' does not include motorized skateboards and 'scooters.'"

#### Section 4. **Amendment.**

Section 4-7.105 of the Ridgecrest Municipal Code is amended and reenacted to read as follows:

#### "4-7.105. **Hazardous Recreational Activity.**

(a) Skateboarding and inline skating at the City Skate Park represents a hazardous recreational activity for participants. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 115800 *et seq.*, the City shall not be liable for any injury caused as a result of the use of the Skate Park for skateboarding or inline skating. Notice to the effect shall be posted at the Skate Park.

(b) The Parks and Receptions Department shall cause signs to be posted at the Skate Park providing the following information:

- (1) The requirements of section 4-7.104 above;
- (2) A notice that anyone found guilty of violating section 4-7.103 above, shall be guilty of an infraction and subject to citation;
- (3) A notice that skateboarding and inline skating is a hazardous recreational activity as described in this section; and
- (4) A notice that the City shall bear no liability for any injury caused as a result of the skateboarding or inline skating at the Skate Park.

**Section 5. Amendment: Other.**

Except as provided herein, the Ridgecrest Municipal Code is reaffirmed and readopted.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on December 6 2000, 2000, by the following votes:

AYES: Mayor Darnell, Council Members Carter, Holloway, Morgan, and Rollins

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

  
Donna Darnell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Rita Gable  
Deputy City Clerk