

ORDINANCE NO. 240

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING AND RESTRICTING THE OPERATION OF SKATEBOARDS, ROLLER BLADES, ROLLER SKATES OR BICYCLES WITHIN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA,

1. It shall be lawful to operate a bicycle, skateboard, roller blades or roller skates on the public thoroughfares or sidewalks within the City of Port St. Joe, except as hereinafter provided. The following rules shall apply in the operation of such devices:

- (a) The operation of the above mentioned shall be done in such a careful manner that the health, welfare, life or property of the operator or others shall not be endangered;
- (b) No bicycle shall be operated on the public streets of the City after sundown and before sunrise, unless such bicycle shall be equipped with a front white light and a rear red light or reflector;
- (c) Any person operating a bicycle, or riding on skates, roller blades or skateboards within the corporate limits of the City shall be required to observe official traffic-controlled devices and signals, and all other traffic regulations in the same manner as is required of motor vehicles;
- (d) No bicycle shall be left upon any street or sidewalk in such a manner as to obstruct traffic either of vehicles or pedestrians, or to obstruct any stopping or parking space;
- (e) The operator of a bicycle when upon a street shall not carry any other person upon the handlebar or frame of any bicycle, nor shall any person so ride upon any bicycle, nor shall more than one person ride a bicycle unless separate seats are provided for each person;
- (f) No person riding upon any bicycle, skates, roller blades or skateboard shall attach the same or himself to any moving vehicle upon any street;
- (g) Persons riding bicycles upon any roadway within the City shall not ride

more than two abreast;

- (h) No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing;
- (i) No parent of any minor child and no guardian of any minor ward shall authorize or knowingly permit any such minor or ward to violate any of the provision of this ordinance;

2. Operation in certain areas prohibited: It shall be unlawful to operate or ride a bicycle, skateboard, roller blades or roller skates on the sidewalks abutting Reid Avenue between 1st Street and 5th Street in the City of Port St. Joe;

3. Any person violating the above shall be deemed to have committed a civil infraction and shall be issued a notice to appear, or shall pay a civil infraction fee of \$ 10.⁰⁰ for a first offense, \$ 25.⁰⁰ for a second offense and \$ 25.⁰⁰ for any offense thereafter. Any person choosing not to pay such civil infraction fee shall appear before the judge and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$100.

REPEAL: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SEVERABILITY: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder shall not be affected by such invalidity.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall become effective as provided by law.

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED this 2nd day of September, 1997.

**CITY COMMISSION OF PORT
ST. JOE, FLORIDA**

By: Johnny R. Linton
Mayor-Commissioner

Attest: Pauline Padawan
Auditor-Clerk

The following commissioners voted yea: Linton, Tharpe, McNair, Norton and Wood

The following commissioners voted nay: none