

**ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SKATEBOARDING AND OTHER SIMILAR
ACTIVITIES ON PITT COUNTY PROPERTY WITHOUT WRITTEN
PERMISSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Pitt County, North Carolina is aware of the need for the preservation of County owned property and citizen safety in Pitt County; and

WHEREAS, members of Pitt County staff have documented damage to Pitt County property as the result of individuals using the properties for skateboarding and other similar recreational activities. For the purposes of this ordinance "Skateboarding" is defined as:

Skateboard: A footboard mounted upon four or more wheels propelled by the user who sometimes stands, sits, kneels, or lays upon the devise while it is in motion.

Roller skates or Roller blades: A pair of shoes, mounted upon sets of wheels most often propelled by the user in an upright, standing position or kneeling.

Coasters or Scooters: A footboard mounted upon two or more wheels and by an upright steering handle. This devise is propelled by the user or a motor and is usually operated in an upright position.

WHEREAS, it has been determined that in order to ensure the safety of citizens using county owned property and to protect the property and structures belonging to all the citizens, it is necessary to prohibit certain activities from all County owned properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PITT COUNTY DOES HEREBY ORDAIN THAT:

Section 1. Prohibition against skateboarding and similar activities as defined herein upon any County owned property

It shall be unlawful to skateboard, roller skate, roller blade, use coasters or scooters or any similar devices upon any County owned property, without the express written consent of the Pitt County Board of Commissioners.

This prohibition shall include all parking areas, buildings, walkways, steps, benches, retaining walls, rails and other structures or inside any building or structure.

Section 2. Exceptions

Excluded from this Ordinance are those activities that are sponsored by or approved by Pitt County Schools or the Pitt County Board of Commissioners.

Section 3. Penalty

Any person who violates any provision of this County Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than 30 days.