

DEPARTMENT: Board

BY: Supervisor Stewart

PHONE: 966-3222

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes\_\_\_ No\_X\_)

Discussion and direction relative to implementing an ordinance prohibiting skateboarding on pedestrian walkways.

Downtown merchants and citizens have again expressed concern with the loitering and problems caused by skateboarding in the town of Mariposa. The safety of pedestrians, vehicle traffic, and skateboarders needs to be addressed.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board considered this matter on May 25, 1999. Following input from the merchants and the skateboarders, no action was taken at that time.

A skateboard park project is being worked on.

A copy of Sonora City's code regulating coasting devices and skateboards is attached.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

- 1) Approve
- 2) Provide alternative direction

**COSTS:** (x) Not Applicable

A. Budgeted current FY \$ \_\_\_\_\_

B. Total anticipated costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_

C. Required additional funding \$ \_\_\_\_\_

D. Internal transfers \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**  
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

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**SOURCE:** ( ) 4/5ths Vote Required

A. Unanticipated revenues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

B. Reserve for contingencies \$ \_\_\_\_\_

C. Source description: \_\_\_\_\_

Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CLERK'S USE ONLY:**

Res. No.: 00-193 Ord. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Approved ( ) Denied

(x) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**  
This item on agenda as:

\_\_\_\_\_ Recommended

\_\_\_\_\_ Not Recommended

\_\_\_\_\_ For Policy Determination

\_\_\_\_\_ Submitted with Comment

\_\_\_\_\_ Returned for Further Action

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

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C.A.O. Initials: JS



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## MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### MINUTE ORDER

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TO: ROBERT C. STEWART, District III Supervisor  
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*  
SUBJECT: Skateboarding Ordinance; Res. 00-193

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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on May 23, 2000

#### ACTION AND VOTE:

**4:00 p.m.** Robert C. Stewart, District III Supervisor;

Discussion and Direction Relative to Implementing an Ordinance Prohibiting Skateboarding on Pedestrian Walkways

**BOARD ACTION:** Supervisor Stewart advised of complaints from merchants, pedestrians and motorists regarding safety issues and damage to property resulting from the use of skateboards in the downtown area.

Rich Begley, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation, advised of a 90-day program for the construction of the skatepark and is hoping to get that out to bid for the summer construction season.

Supervisor Stewart expressed concern over County property being damaged by skateboards and the upcoming new sidewalk project being marked up due to some people's lack of respect for property and their own personal safety, with Supervisor Reilly in agreement stating the issues are of danger, personal safety, destruction of property and public nuisance.

Public comments were provided by the following:

Miriam Costello, owner of Miriam and Co., addressed the kids' safety as being the first priority. She stated she feels her customers going out of her doorway could easily be hit by a skateboard and that she has had personal property destroyed by skateboards.

Brent Schroeder, Cousin Jack's Music Merchant, stated he did not want to see kids without a place to go to have fun and proposed banning skateboards from the main street area.

Nancy Radanovich, owner of the Vault, submitted to the Board a petition signed by business owners requesting the adoption of an ordinance to eliminate all skateboarding activity on sidewalks and streets within the Mariposa Downtown Planning Area, stating she was shocked to hear what goes on regarding skateboarding, loitering and intimidation of tourists and locals.

Andrea Winton, Arts Council Gallery Coordinator, commented on the safety issue and felt the kids are bored.

Dan Croft, Manager of the Pizza Factory, also commented on the safety issue and stated he felt the loitering issue was the major problem in the areas of the Gold Coin, Pizza Factory and Meadows Ranch Café. He further stated he does not believe skateboarding is the issue.

Shirley Felix, Meadows Ranch Café, stated she has witnessed the kids walking through the café using vulgar language and stopping up the toilets in the bathrooms.

Robyn Holloway, Skateboard Leadership Team, stated he felt there are a lot of bad kids misrepresenting the skateboarders, and that the Leadership Team members are trying to communicate to those kids. He also stated he supports not skating in the historic area and would like to see the skatepark come along faster.

Carol Williams, stated she felt skateboarding is not a crime and should be dealt with individually, not labeled, and children need to be taught manners.

Connie Salvesson, Mariposa Hotel, stated she has had to call the Sheriff's Department due to noise and loitering of kids very late at night and agrees that children are out of control.

Dallas Gore, Leadership Team President, apologized to all the merchants, seeing what some skateboarders do, while working at the Rexall Drugstore.

Kathy Delaney, Prevention Specialist, Mariposa Counseling Center and also Chairperson for the Skatepark Committee, advised she has been working on the skatepark for 3½ years and feels everyone needs to think about the majority of the people, not the bad ones on the street.

Chairman Parker stated the skatepark is becoming a reality and gave a reminder of the issue presented today.

Rich Begley commented that part of the delay to the skatepark is due to the time and expense of repairing damage done by skateboards to County property.

Pelk Richards, Sheriff, responded to a question regarding the procedure for handling calls regarding skateboarders.

Discussion was held relative to implementing an urgency ordinance, which can be implemented when a safety or health issue is involved, to be in effect until a permanent ordinance can be developed.

Lynn DeLeon, suggested identifying areas for kids to skate until the skatepark is here.

Larry Williams, commented on delays to the skatepark and asked for an explanation, with Supervisor Reilly responding that she takes pride in being part of the Board who made a push for the funding of the skatepark, and the project involves a lot of people, costs and time.

Chairman Parker advised that the skatepark is not a County project, but the County has contributed approximately \$75,000.

Chelsea Markovich, stated she felt skateboarding is just another sport and if it is taken away, what will the kids turn to?

(M)Stewart, direct County Counsel, Sheriff, and staff to draft an ordinance with an urgency clause that would prohibit skateboarding and loitering downtown, (S)Balmain, Res. 00-193 adopted. Urgency ordinance issue is scheduled to come back to the Board on June 13, 2000/Ayes: Unanimous.

cc: Pelk Richards, Sheriff  
Jeff Green, County Counsel  
Jim Petropulos, Public Works Director/Parks & Rec.  
Chamber of Commerce  
Kathy Delaney, Mental Health  
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