

## WHAT ARE THE NEW SKATEBOARD ORDINANCES?

Like many Wisconsin cities, Janesville has adopted ordinances to address the injuries and property damage that sometimes results from skateboard riding. •

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING SKATEBOARDS?

Some skateboarding activity relies on interacting with physical structures such as steps, benches, and railings. This interaction can significantly damage both public and private property. The Parks Division estimates that the damage to City property from skateboards costs the City \$2,000 annually. Downtown business report that damage to their property from skateboards has cost them over \$30,000 in repairs.

Also, skateboarding in areas with high volumes of pedestrian traffic poses a safety risk to both skateboard riders and pedestrians.

Ordinances that specifically address skateboarding inform skateboard riders where riding is appropriate. Also, laws that specifically address skateboarding will help to limit property damage and pedestrian injuries caused by reckless skateboarding. •



Pictured above is an example of property damage caused by skateboarding. Repairing skateboard-related property damage costs the City of Janesville and downtown business thousands of dollars every year.

## NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have any questions or would like more information about the skateboard ordinances, please call the Police Department at 755-3100. •



### Police Department

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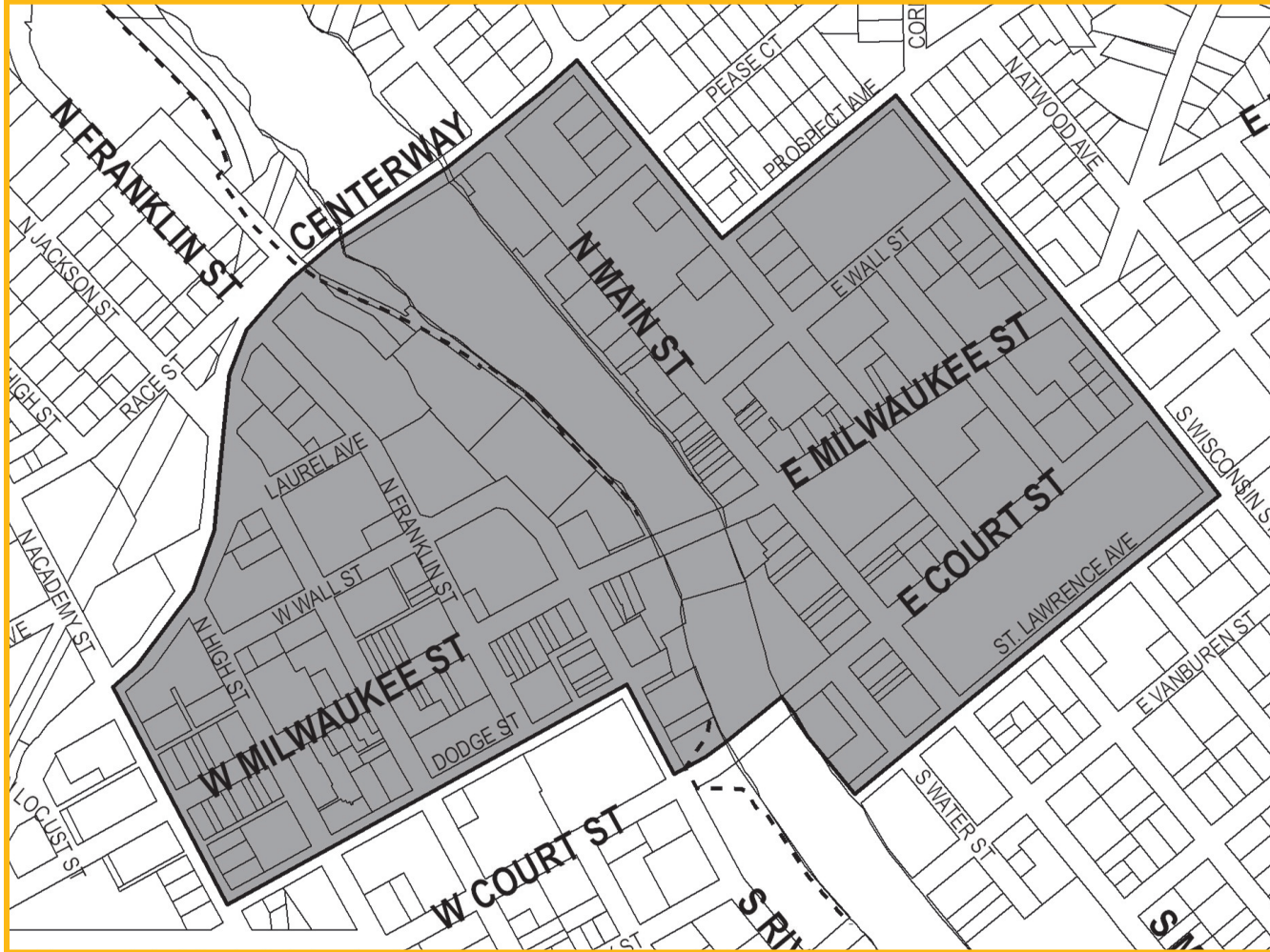
# Skateboard Ordinances



*A guide for understanding Janesville's  
new skateboard ordinances.*



## The Downtown Skateboard Regulation Area



Pictured above is the downtown skateboard area. Skateboarding within the shaded area is largely prohibited. The downtown area is roughly bounded by Centerway to the north, N. Academy Street to the west, Dodge Street and St. Lawrence Avenue to the south, and Wisconsin Street to the east. The bike trail, as depicted by the dotted line, is the only portion of downtown where skateboarding is permitted.

### RESTRICTED AREAS

Skateboarding is not allowed on:

- Any street, sidewalk, or structure within the shaded downtown area—except for the bike trail.
- City parking lots.
- Public Streets.
- Any portion of private property without the owner's permission.

### WHAT IS THE PENALTY?

Violations of the skateboarding ordinances may result in fines. The severity of the fine depends on the number of offenses.

- First time violations may result in a fine of \$10-\$20.
- Further violations may result in fines of \$25-\$50.

### WHERE CAN I SKATEBOARD?

Riding a skateboard is still legal throughout much of Janesville. In permitted areas, skateboarders are expected to share sidewalks and bike trails courteously. This means yielding the right-of-way to pedestrians and cyclists.

- Skateboarders are permitted to ride on City owned bike trails.
- Skateboarders may ride on sidewalks in neighborhoods outside of the prohibited downtown area.
- With the owner's express permission, skateboarders may ride on private property.
- Skateboard riding in the downtown area is only permitted on the bike trail.