

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 23 OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD SECTION 23-86 WHICH SHALL REQUIRE THE USE OF HELMETS FOR PERSONAL SAFETY DURING SKATING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SKATE PARKS

WHEREAS, city parks are intended to be used and enjoyed by all citizens of the City of Memphis and the public has an expectation of personal safety within public parks; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Park Services will soon complete and open the first skate park in the city; and

WHEREAS, the Memphis City Council and Administration of the City of Memphis believe it to be in the best interest of the users of the skate park to require the use of helmets for personal safety during skating activities; and

SECTION 1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, that Chapter 23 of the City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to add Section 23-86 which shall read as follows:

Section 23-86. Use of helmets required in skate parks.

- (a) It is unlawful for any person to utilize the skate park(s) with skateboards, bicycles, or inline skates without the use of a helmet as a protective measure.
- (b) Violation of this Section shall result in a fine of \$50.00, unless otherwise waived at the discretion of the Court and dismissed as a warning for a first offender.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the various sections of this Ordinance are severable, and that any portion declared unlawful shall not affect the remaining portions.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date it shall have been passed by the Council, signed by the Chairman of the Council, certified and delivered to the Office of Mayor in writing by the comptroller and become effective as otherwise provided by law.

Myron Lowery
Chairman of the Council