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73C.01. Definitions. Subdivision 1. Easement Area - shall mean an area or areas of the pedestrian skyway system which is subject to an easement granted by a private property owner to the City for the benefit of the public for pedestrian ingress, passage and egress.

Subd. 2. Pedestrian Skyway System - shall mean any system of providing for pedestrian traffic circulation, mechanical or otherwise elevated above ground, within or without the public rights-of-way, and through or above private property and buildings, and including overpasses, bridges, passageways, walkways, concourses, hallways, corridors, arcades, courts, plazas, malls, elevators, escalators, heated canopies and access and all fixtures, furniture, signs, equipment, facilities, services and appurtenances. The term shall include systems or portions of systems which are built in the future. For purposes of this chapter, a pedestrian skyway system shall include stairways and escalators leading from or into the skyway system from private buildings and areas under stairs and escalators connecting the concourse corridors to public streets or other public property.

73C.02. Prohibited Acts: No person shall commit any of the following acts within the pedestrian skyway system:

- (a) Walk, stand, sit, lie, or place an object in such a manner as to block passage by another person or to require another person to take evasive action in order to avoid physical contact. If an impediment or obstruction is caused by the size of a particular group of people, all persons within the group shall be equally subject to this chapter.
- (b) Stand upon any seat, railing, ledge or other fixture.
- (c) Commit any act which tends to create or incite, an immediate breach of the peace. Such conduct shall include but is not limited to fighting, racing, obscene language, noisy or boisterous conduct tending to cause a breach of the peace; personally abusive epithets, words or language of an offensive, disgusting or insulting nature, which epithets, when addressed to the ordinary citizen are, as a matter of common knowledge, inherently likely to provoke a violent reaction of fear, anger or apprehension; and words which by their very utterance inflict injury or tend to incite an immediate breach of the peace.

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- (d) Play a radio, cassette recorder, compact disc player or other sound emitting device in violation of R.C.O. Section 85.10, Subdivision 5.
- (e) Use skateboards, rollerskates, in-line skates, bicycles or similar devices.
- (f) Bring or cause to be brought any animal or allow any animal under the person's ownership or control to be brought into the pedestrian skyway system. This does not include a police or fire dog or a seeing eye, hearing or companion animal for a sight impaired, hearing impaired or physically disabled person certified by a recognized animal training organization.
- (g) Throw, deposit, discard, or cause to be thrown, deposited, discarded upon or within any surface in the pedestrian skyway system any trash, garbage, refuse or rubbish, unless the material was placed in a designated trash receptacle.
- (h) Place graffiti on any surface in the pedestrian skyway system.
- (i) Commit any other act otherwise prohibited by local, state or federal law.

73C.03. Penalties. Violations of this chapter are declared to be misdemeanor offenses and are punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or 90 days in jail.

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