



## City of Ketchum

July 20, 2020

Mayor Bradshaw and City Councilors  
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Ketchum, Idaho

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### **Discussion and Direction to Staff on Allowing Scooters in the Skatepark**

#### Recommendation and Summary

Staff is requesting Council direction on recommendation to allow provisional scooter use at the Guy Coles Skatepark from 10am-4:30pm.

The reasons for the request are as follows:

- Scooters are not currently allowed in the Guy Coles Skatepark
- At the June 15, 2020 meeting, Ketchum City Council directed staff to coordinate with community stakeholders and develop hours allowing scooter use at the Guy Coles Skatepark.

#### Introduction and History

The 2005 construction of the Guy Coles Skatepark and the 2017 expansion were paid for with both public funds and fundraising efforts of the local skateboard community. The skateboard community continues to contribute to the Guy Coles Skatepark Account in the Parks and Recreation Development Trust funding repairs and maintenance of the park. Skateboards and in-line skates were the intended users of the original skatepark design. Since its inception, scooters have been prohibited at the Guy Coles Skatepark.

On June 15, City Council directed staff to collaborate with skatepark stakeholders to develop hours allowing scooter use at the Guy Coles Skatepark. At council's direction, staff collaborated with stakeholders from the skater and scooter communities to evaluate existing use patterns, review current and future signage, and develop recommended hours allowing provisional scooter use from 10am-4:30pm.

#### Analysis

Scooter use is allowed in many, but not all skateparks throughout the country. While scooter use has not been permitted at the Guy Coles Skatepark, collaboration with community stakeholders has directed staff to recommend provisional scooter use from 10am-4:30pm. Scooter use will be reviewed on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 by stakeholders and staff.

If staff is directed to do so, temporary modifications to the existing skatepark signage reflecting the new provision for scooter use from 10am-4:30pm will be implemented. Staff is collaborating with the community stakeholder group to review existing signage and develop a new signage package reflecting current skatepark rules, the new provision of scooter use as well as interpretive signage reflecting the history and culture of the

skatepark. New rules signage will be reviewed by the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP) ahead of production of new signage.

Sustainability Impact

There is no sustainability impact.

Financial Impact

Approval of new rules allowing scooter use will require the purchase of new temporary and permanent signage reflecting these rules.