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### ORDINANCE #431

## AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE PLAYING OF CERTAIN GAMES UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS WITHIN THE TOWN OF BLADES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFORE

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Blades finds that the playing of games upon the public streets of the Town is a source of annoyance to motorists attempting to pass through the area and poses a danger of physical injury to the participants;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED**, by the Council of the Town of Blades, Sussex County, Delaware, in session met, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 34, of the Town of Blades, Town Charter, provides the authority to enact ordinances or adopt resolutions to define, prevent, abate, and remove all obstructions, nuisances and unsanitary conditions.

**SECTION 2.** No person or persons shall engage in the playing of any game upon any public street within the Town of Blades. Games for the purpose of this section shall include but not limited to, basketball, football, soccer, handball, stickball, baseball or any other games which by its very nature would tend to annoy motorists, and or interfere with or impede vehicular traffic and or impose a danger to the participants.

**SECTION 3.** It shall be unlawful for any person to place, store, or keep upon any street or public sidewalk any portable, stationary, or fixed object including, but not limited to, basketball poles, hoops and nets, skateboard ramps, and/or any other type of object, device, or piece of recreational equipment.

**SECTION 4.** It shall also be unlawful for any person to allow any portion of any portable, stationary, fixed object including, but not limited to, basketball poles, hoops and nets, skateboard ramps, and/or any other type of object, device, or piece of recreational equipment to overhang or intrude into or over a paved roadway or sidewalk.

**SECTION 5.** For the purposes of this ordinance, the definition of "streets" shall be any paved surface upon which the public may engage in vehicular travel and includes any portion of that paved surface between opposing curb lines or the edges of the paved surface. The definition of "sidewalk" shall include any paved, brick, or concrete surface specifically designed for pedestrian travel.

**SECTION 6.** Any violation of this ordinance shall for the first offense be fined \$50.00 and for subsequent offenses shall be fined \$100.00. The Town of Blades is hereby authorized to remove any such device or object left in the violation of this ordinance after the second offense. Any minor children involved, the fine will be given to the parent or guardian and or owner of the home or renter of the property where the device or object is left.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by a majority vote of all Council members of the Town of Blades.



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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on its third and final reading at a public meeting of the Town of Blades Town Council, Sussex County, Delaware, held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

**COMPLETED**

Mayor Michael J Smith

**APPROVED**

Attest: Vikki Prettyman, Town Administrator

First Reading 09/10/12  
Second Reading 10/08/12

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