



ORDINANCE #2026-05

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

That Chapter 70- Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Section 70-4- Throwing and kicking objects and playing games in the streets and public places, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 70-4. Playing games and storing equipment in streets and public places.

- (a) It shall be unlawful on arterial “high capacity” roads, or non-residential streets, or between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. for any person to throw, kick, or project, in any manner whatsoever, any ball, or other object in the city streets and public places, or to play or practice athletic games, quoits, pitching pennies, and like games on the city streets and public places.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to store or leave unattended for sixty minutes or more play equipment or other similar objects in streets, public right-of-way, or any area where pedestrian or vehicular traffic could be hindered or impeded within the corporate limits of the city, unless those places are specifically designated for those purposes by lawful authorities.
- (c) Play equipment is defined as any structure or object designed for recreational play use. This includes, but is not limited to, basketball goals, nets, ramps, swings, slides, and climbing frames.

Charter reference - Power of council to regulate use of streets, subpart A, § 29.

ADOPTED: July 27, 2026

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance amends provisions related to basketball goals and other play equipment. The amendments clarify requirements for the storage of such equipment, particularly prohibiting placement within the street, and establish a definition of play equipment.

(SPONSORS: NEIL, SUDLER)

Actions History

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