

**SECTION 725.01. RESOLUTIONS.** All traffic control resolutions in force on the effective date of this Chapter shall hereby remain in force.

**SECTION 726.01. SNOWMOBILES.**

**Subd. 1. Definitions.** The following terms as used in this Section shall have the same meaning as in Minnesota Statute § 84.81.

- A. “Snowmobile” means a self-propelled vehicle designated for travel primarily on snow or ice, steered by wheels, skis, or runners.
- B. “Operate” means to ride upon and control the operation of a snowmobile.
- C. “Operator” means every person who operates or is in actual physical control of a snowmobile.

**Subd. 2. Equipment.** It is unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile within the City unless it is equipped with the following:

- A. Standard mufflers which are properly attached and in constant operation and which reduce the noise of operation of the motor to the minimum necessary for operation. No person shall use a muffler cut-out, bypass, straight pipe or similar device on the snowmobile motor; and the exhaust systems shall not emit or produce a sharp popping or cracking sound.
- B. Brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold the snowmobile under any conditions of operation.
- C. A safety or so called “dead man” throttle and operating conditions so that when pressure is removed from the accelerator or throttle, the motor is disengaged from the driving track.
- D. At least one clear lamp attached to the front with sufficient intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least 100 feet ahead during the hours of darkness and under normal atmospheric conditions. Such headlamps shall be so aimed that glaring rays are not projected into the eyes of the oncoming vehicle operator. It shall also be equipped with at least one red tail lamp having a minimum candle power of sufficient intensity to exhibit a red light plainly visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear during the hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions. The head and tail lamp equipment is to be used and in good operating condition when the vehicle is operated between the hours of one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise or at any other hours of reduced visibility.
- E. Reflective material at least 16 inches on each side forward of the handlebars so as to reflect to beam light at a 90 degree angle.

**Subd. 3. Requirements for Operation.**

- A. No person shall operate a snowmobile within the City unless the snowmobile is registered pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 84.82.
- B. A person born after December 31, 1976 shall not operate a snowmobile within the City unless the person has a valid snowmobile safety certificate issued or approved by the Commissioner of Natural Resources, a driver's license that has a valid snowmobile qualification indicator issued under Minnesota Statute § 171.07, Subd. 12., or an identification card that has a valid snowmobile qualification indicator issued under Minnesota Statute § 171.07, Subd. 12.

**Subd. 4. Operating Restrictions.** Except as herein specifically permitted and authorized, no person shall operate a snowmobile:

- A. On a public sidewalk or walkway provided or used for pedestrian travel;
- B. On private property of another without lawful authority or written consent of the owner or occupant;
- C. On any publicly owned lands and frozen waters, including, but not limited to, cemeteries, park property, playgrounds, recreational areas and golf courses, except areas authorized for such use by the proper public authority;
- D. On any public or private school grounds unless permission is expressly obtained from responsible school authorities;
- E. In a manner so as to tow any person or thing on a public street or highway except through use of a rigid tow bar attached to the rear of the snowmobile;
- F. At a speed greater than 10 mph within 100 feet of any sliding or recreational area, skating rink, fisherman, ice house, or where the operation would conflict with the lawful use of property or would endanger other persons or property; or
- G. In a manner so as to create a loud, unnecessary or unusual noise which disturbs, annoys or interferes with the peace and quiet of other persons;
- H. With more than 1 passenger while the snowmobile is in operation;
- I. In a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the persons or property of another or cause injury or damage to persons or property.

**Subd. 5. Operation on Streets and Highways.** No person shall operate a snowmobile upon any municipal street or roadway except as provided in this Subdivision.

- A. A snowmobile may be operated, for transportation purposes only and not recreational purposes, upon a municipal street, roadway or alley, so long as it maintains its course on

the far right-hand side of such street, roadway or alley and in the same direction as the traffic on the nearest lane of the roadway adjacent thereto. Where available, alleys shall be used for snowmobile travel rather than municipal streets or roadways.

- B. No snowmobile shall be operated on any street, roadway or alley at a speed exceeding 10 mph.
- C. No snowmobile shall enter any uncontrolled intersection without making a complete stop. The operator of a snowmobile shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle or pedestrian.
- D. No person shall operate a snowmobile on any street, roadway, alley or shoulder, so as to be traveling side by side with another snowmobile or other vehicle in the same lane or immediate area.
- E. Notwithstanding any prohibition in this Subdivision, a snowmobile may be operated on a public thoroughfare in an emergency during the period of time when and at locations where snow upon the roadway renders travel by automobile impractical.
- F. No person under 16 years of age shall operate a snowmobile on any street, roadway, alley or shoulder thereof.

**Subd. 6. Operations of Snowmobiles While Under the Influence of Alcohol or a Controlled Substance.** It is unlawful for any person to operate or to be in physical control of any snowmobile in the City while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance or under the influence of a combination of alcohol and a controlled substance. The definitional and regulatory provisions of Minnesota Statutes §§ 84.91 and 84.911 are hereby incorporated herein and adopted by reference, including the penalty provisions thereof.

**Subd. 7. Littering and Obstructions.**

- A. No person shall deposit paper, litter, rubbish or debris on public or private property, or throw paper, litter, rubbish or debris from a snowmobile.
- B. No person shall place obstructions, including ice blocks or barricades, on publicly owned lands or frozen waters so as to interfere with the lawful use thereof by the public.

**Subd. 8. Chasing Animals.** It is unlawful to intentionally drive, chase, run over or kill any bird or animal domestic or wild, with a snowmobile.

**Subd. 9. Hours of Operation.** No person shall operate a snowmobile within the City limits between the hours of 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

**Subd.10. Unattended Snowmobiles.** It is unlawful for the owner or operator of any snowmobile to leave or allow a snowmobile to remain unattended on public property, or on privately owned parking lots used by the public, while the motor is running, while the key is available, or with the ignition unlocked.