CHAPTER 74: SNOWMOBILES

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§ 74.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

CITY STREETS. A public thoroughfare, roadway or alley used for motor vehicle travel which is not an interstate, trunk, county-state aid, or county highway.

PUBLIC ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY. The entire right-of-way of a public road, including the traveled portions, banks, ditches, shoulders, median and boulevard of a road that is not privately owned.

ROADWAY. That portion of a highway or street improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel.

SNOWMOBILE. A self-propelled vehicle designed for use on snow or ice steered by skis or runners.
(Ord. 84, passed 12-18-96; Am. Ord. passed 10-13-04)

§ 74.02 TRAVEL ON CITY STREETS LIMITED.

Snowmobiles operating within the city shall travel from an operator's place of residence, out of the city, or from outside the city to the place of residence of the operator, by traveling the shortest possible route.
(Ord. 84, passed 12-18-96; Am. Ord. passed 10-13-04)

§ 74.03 TRAVEL ON CITY STREETS.

Travel of snowmobiles is permitted only on the roadway portion of city streets.
(Ord. passed 10-13-04)

§ 74.04 TRAVEL ON COUNTY ROADS AND COUNTY HIGHWAYS.

Snowmobiles may be operated upon the ditch bottom or outside bank of trunk, county-state aid, or county highways where such highway is configured. Snowmobiles shall not operate on boulevards of county-state aid, or county highways when the boulevard is 50 feet or closer to any residence or dwelling.
(Ord. passed 10-13-04)

§ 74.05 SINGLE FILE.

All travel by snowmobile on city streets or other roads will be single file on the right hand side of the road obeying all traffic signs.
(Ord. 84, passed 12-18-96; Am. Ord. passed 10-13-04)

§ 74.06 YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY AT INTERSECTIONS.

No snowmobile shall enter any intersection without yielding the right-of-way to any vehicles or pedestrians at the intersection, or so close to the intersection so as to constitute an immediate hazard.
(Ord. passed 10-13-04)

§ 74.07 SPEED LIMIT.

Maximum speed limit for operation of snowmobiles within the limits of the city is 15 miles per hour.
(Ord. 84, passed 12-18-96; Am. Ord. passed 10-13-04)

§ 74.08 PROHIBITED OPERATION.

Operation of snowmobiles is prohibited:

(A) In any city park or recreation area;

(B) On a public sidewalk provided for pedestrian travel;

(C) On a public trail provided for pedestrian or bicycle travel;

(D) On school property, except with permission from a proper authority;

(E) On private property of another without permission of the owner or person in control of the property; and

(F) Within 100 feet of any pedestrian, fisherman, skating rink, sliding or ski area where the operation would conflict with the use or endanger other persons.
(Ord. passed 10-13-04)

§ 74.09 OPERATION BY MINORS LIMITED.

(A) No person under 14 years of age shall operate a snowmobile within a public road right-of-way within the city.

(B) No person 14 years of age or older, but less than 18 years of age, shall operate a snowmobile within a public road right-of-way in the city unless they have in their immediate possession a valid snowmobile safety certificate for operation of a snowmobile issued by the Commissioner of Natural Resources for the State of Minnesota.

(C) No person under the age of 18 shall operate or ride upon a snowmobile without wearing a protective helmet or headgear that complies with the standards established by the Commissioner of Public Safety.
(Ord. 84, passed 12-18-96; Am. Ord. passed 10-13-04)

§ 74.99 PENALTY.

Violation of any section is a petty misdemeanor punishable as provided in § 10.99.
(Ord. 84, passed 12-18-96; Am. Ord. passed 10-13-04)