

## CHAPTER 7

### Snowmobiles

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#### **SEC. 9-7-1** STATE SNOWMOBILE LAWS ADOPTED.

- (a) **State Snowmobile Laws Adopted.** Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Chapter, the statutory provisions describing and defining regulations with respect to snowmobiles in the following enumerated sections of the Wisconsin Statutes are hereby adopted by reference and made part of this Chapter as if fully set forth herein:

350.01	Definitions
350.02	Operation of Snowmobiles on or in the Vicinity of Highways
350.03	Right-of-Way
350.035	Meeting of Snowmobiles
350.04	Snowmobile Races, Derbies and Routes
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**SEC. 9-7-2**            **APPLICABILITY OF TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.**

Except as otherwise provided in Chapter 350 Wis. Stats., and herein, snowmobiles shall follow the State of Wisconsin rules of the road that are applicable to automobiles.

**SEC. 9-7-3**            **SPEED; HOURS OF OPERATION; EQUIPMENT.**

- (a) **Speed.** No person shall operate a snowmobile off-road within the City of Thorp in excess of the speed restrictions established in sec. 350.10 Wis. Stats. No person shall operate a snowmobile on a public road or way within the City of Thorp in excess of posted speed limits, or if not posted, in excess of twenty-five (25) m.p.h.
- (b) **Hours of Operation Restricted.** Except on a designated trail, no person shall operate a snowmobile anywhere within the City between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., except for returning home via the most direct route.
- (c) **Restriction on Equipment.** No snowmobile operating on the snowmobile route shall be allowed if it has no expansion chamber or muffler other than the type and size provided by the manufacturer. Each snowmobile must display a lighted headlight and taillight at all times and said lights must conform to the requirements of Section 350.09 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**SEC. 9-7-4**            **UNATTENDED VEHICLES.**

No person shall leave or allow a snowmobile owned or operated by him to remain unattended on any public highway or public property while the motor is running or with the starting key left in the ignition.

**SEC. 9-7-5**            **OPERATION ON SIDEWALKS PROHIBITED.**

No person shall operate a snowmobile upon any sidewalk, pedestrian way or upon the area between the sidewalk and the curb line of any street in the City, except as specifically authorized by Section 9-7-6 or for the purpose of crossing to obtain immediate access to an authorized area of operation.

**SEC. 9-7-6**            **SNOWMOBILE OPERATION RESTRICTED.**

- (a) **Permitting Operation by Improper Persons Prohibited.** No owner or person having charge or control of a snowmobile shall authorize or permit any person to operate such snowmobile who is not permitted under state law to operate such snowmobile or who is under the influence of an intoxicant or a dangerous narcotic drug.
- (b) **Written Consent of Owner Required.** The consent required under Section 350.10(1), (k), (L) and (m), Wis. Stats, and in Subsection (a) above shall be written consent dated and limited to the year in which the consent is given. If the property is owned or leased by more than one (1) person, the consent of each must be obtained.

**SEC. 9-7-7            SNOWMOBILE ROUTES AND TRAILS DESIGNATED.**

- (a) **Routes Designated.** Except as provided in Sections 350.02 and 350.045 of the Wisconsin Statutes, or for snowmobile events authorized in accordance with Section 350.04, Wis. Stats., no person shall operate a snowmobile upon any public right-of-way, in any public park or on any other public municipal property in the City except upon snowmobile routes, trails and streets designated below:  
It shall be lawful to operate snowmobiles as herein provided, but solely for the purpose of reaching by the most direct route, available areas outside the City of Thorp or areas therein, wherein snowmobiles are authorized to be operated, marked as snowmobile routes and all alleys leading to the marked snowmobile routes: The routes should be as outlined on the attached map and described as follows:
- (b) **Trail Markers.** The Police Department is directed and authorized to procure, erect and maintain appropriate snowmobile route, trail and limit signs and markers as approved by the State Department of Natural Resources under Section 350.13, Wis. Stats. The Chief of Police shall have the power to declare the stated snowmobile routes and trails either opened or closed.
- (c) **Markers to be Obeyed.** No person shall fail to obey any route or trail sign, marker or limit erected in accordance with this Section.

**SEC. 9-7-8           PENALTY.**

Forfeitures for violations of any snowmobile regulation shall conform to the penalty permitted to be imposed for violations of the comparable Wisconsin Statute, including any variations or increases for subsequent offenses; provided, however, that this Section shall not be construed to permit prosecution under this Chapter for any offense for which imprisonment may be imposed on the defendant under the Wisconsin Statutes. Any person violating any other provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, forfeit not less than \$20.00 and not more than \$500.00 together with the costs of prosecution.

**SEC. 9-7-9           ENFORCEMENT.**

- (a) **Uniform Citation for Highway Violations.** The uniform traffic citation promulgated under Section 345.11, Wis. Stats., shall be used for violations of this Chapter relating to highway use except as herein provided.
- (b) **Parking Violations.** The special traffic citation described and defined in Title 9, Chapter 1, of this Code of Ordinances shall be used for enforcement of violations of rules of the road relating to parking of vehicles adopted by reference in Section 9-3-1 of this Chapter.
- (c) **Other Violations.** All violations of this Chapter not described in Subsections (a) or (b) shall be enforced in accordance with Sections 66.12 and 66.114 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Stipulations of guilt or no contest may be made as provided in Section 66.12(1)(b), Wis. Stats., in substantially the form provided in the uniform traffic citation within five (5) days of the date of the citation for such violations. Bail deposits may also be made under Section 66.12, Wis. Stats. Such deposits shall include the Three Dollars (\$3.00) Clerk's fee and costs of prosecution.
- (d) **Forfeited Penalties and Deposits.** Except as otherwise provided in Section 345.26, Wis. Stats., and the deposit schedule adopted by the State Board of Circuit Court Judges thereunder, required penalties and deposits or bail not including costs or fees for violation of this Chapter shall be as established by the schedule adopted by the Common Council.