

SNOWMOBILES

§ 70.35 DEFINITIONS.

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

OPERATOR. A person who operates or is in control, drives, or steers a snowmobile.

SAFETY OR DEAD-MAN THROTTLE. A device which, when the pressure is removed from the accelerator or throttle, causes the motor to be disengaged from the driving track and return to idling position.

(Ord. 03-02, passed 9-2-2003)

§ 70.36 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT.

All snowmobiles operated within the city shall have the following equipment:

(A) A muffler. No person shall use what is commonly known as a cut-out or by-pass or similar device which results in increased noise from the snowmobile; and

(B) Safety throttle or so-called dead-man throttle in good operating condition.

(Ord. 03-02, passed 9-2-2003)

§ 70.37 OPERATING RESTRICTIONS.

It shall be illegal and unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile:

(A) On private property of another person without permission to do so by owner or occupant of the property;

(B) On public school grounds, park property, playgrounds, recreational areas, municipal and county grounds, without express provision or permission to do so by the proper public authority;

(C) In a manner so as to create a loud, unnecessary, or unusual noise so as to disturb or interfere with the peace and quiet of other persons, including the unnecessary revving or acceleration of the engine;

(D) In a careless, reckless, or negligent manner so as to endanger the health or safety of any person or property;

(E) At a speed greater than the minimum required to maintain forward motion;

(F) Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. except for the purpose of transporting the operator and passengers by the shortest possible route of the point of origin to and from the areas outside the city; and

(G) On the following streets, except to cross at a 90-degree angle:

(1) State Street in the city from High Street West to Reinberg Avenue; and

(2) Main Street in the city from Johnson Road South to the C&O Railroad tracks.

(Ord. 03-02, passed 9-2-2003) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 70.38 UNATTENDED.

It shall hereby be unlawful for the owner or operator of any snowmobile to leave or allow a snowmobile to remain unattended on public property:

- (A) While the motor is running; or
- (B) With the keys for starting the vehicle left in the ignition.

(Ord. 03-02, passed 9-2-2003) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 70.39 TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

Each person operating a snowmobile shall strictly observe all traffic signs and all other traffic rules and regulations applicable thereto and shall obey the orders and directions of any police officer of the city authorized to direct and regulate traffic.

(Ord. 03-02, passed 9-2-2003) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 70.40 VIOLATIONS.

In a proceeding for a violation of this chapter where competent evidence demonstrates that a vehicle which is permitted to be operated on a highway pursuant to Public Act 300 of 1949, as amended, being M.C.L.A. §§ 257.1 to 257.923, is in collision with a snowmobile on a roadway, the driver of the snowmobile involved in the collision shall be considered prima facie negligent. Violation of this subchapter shall be a misdemeanor punishable pursuant to § 10.99.

(Ord. 03-02, passed 9-2-2003) Penalty, see § 10.99