

ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF SNOWMOBILES WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS OF GLYNDON, MINNESOTA.

BE IT ORDAINED, By the Village Council of the Village of Glyndon that the following regulations are to be used and adopted by operators of snowmobiles within the village limits of Glyndon:

Section 1 - DEFINITIONS. Subdivision 1. For the purpose of this Ordinance the terms defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them.

Subd. 2. "Person" includes an individual, partnership, corporation, the state and its agencies and subdivisions, and any body of person, whether incorporated or not.

Subd. 3. "Snowmobile" means a self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice or natural terrain steered by wheels, skis or runners.

Subd. 4. "Owner" means a person, other than a lien holder having the property in or title to snowmobile entitled to the use or possession thereof.

Subd. 5. "Operate" means to ride in or on and control the operation of the snowmobile.

Subd. 6. "Operator" means every person who operates or is in actual physical control of a snowmobile.

Section 2 - Except as herein specifically permitted and authorized, it is unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile within the limits of the Village of Glyndon:

1. On the portion of any right of way of any public highway, street, road, trail or alley used for motor vehicle travel, except the most right hand lane (except in passing) which is used for vehicle traffic in the same direction, other than on freeways, interstate, trunk, county state-aid, or county highways. Such use of the Village streets, roads and alleys is permissible only:

a. When traveling to and from operational areas outside the Village limits;

b. When traveling to and from a job or jobsite;

c. When traveling to and from permitted operational areas within the Village limits;

d. When an emergency necessitates the use of a snowmobile;

a. When otherwise specifically authorized by the Village council. Snowmobiles may also be operated upon the ditch bottom where lawfully so posted or the outside bank of trunk, county state-aid and county highways where such highways are so configured within the corporate limits.

2. On a public sidewalk provided for pedestrian travel.

3. On boulevards within any public right of way.

4. On private property of another without specific permission of the owner or person in control of said property.

5. On any other public place except as may be specifically permitted by other provisions of the Village ordinances.

Section 3 - A snowmobile may make a direct crossing of a street or highway, except an interstate highway or freeway, provided:

1. The crossing is made at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to the direction of the street or highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing.

2. The snowmobile is brought to a complete stop before crossing the shoulder or main traveled way.

3. The driver yields the right of way to all oncoming traffic which constitutes an immediate hazard.

4. In crossing a divided street or highway, the crossing is made only at an intersection of such street or highway with another public street or highway.

5. If the crossing is made before sunrise or after sunset or in conditions of reduced visibility, only if both front and rear lights are on.

Section 4 - Village traffic ordinances shall apply to the operation of snowmobiles upon streets and highways, except for those relating to required equipment, and except those which by their nature have no application.

Section 5 - No snowmobile shall enter any intersection without yielding the right of way to any vehicle or pedestrians at the intersection, or so close to the intersection as to constitute an immediate hazard.

Section 6 - Persons under 18. Subdivision 1. No person under

14 years of age shall operate on streets or the roadway surface of highways or make a direct crossing of a trunk, county state-aid, county highway, or city street as the operator of a snowmobile. A person 14 years of age or older, but less than 18 years of age, may operate a snowmobile on streets and highways as permitted under this ordinance and make a direct crossing of such streets and highways only if he has in his immediate possession a valid snowmobile safety certificate issued by the commissioner, as provided by M.S.A. Section 84.872.

Subd. 2. It is unlawful for the owner of a snowmobile to permit the snowmobile to be operated contrary to the provisions of this section.

Section 7 - It is unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile within the limits of the Village of Glyndon:

1. At any place, while under the influence of alcohol or drugs as defined in M.S.A. 169.121, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference:

2. At a rate of speed greater than 10 m.p.h. while operating on any street, road or alley. In all other places, at a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under all surrounding circumstances.

3. At any place in a careless, reckless, or negligent manner or headlessly in disregard of the rights or safety of others, or in a manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger or cause injury or damage to any person or property;

4. During the hours from 12:00 midnight to 7:00 a.m. of any day;

5. So as to tow any person or thing in a public street or highway except through use of a rigid tow bar attached to the rear of the snowmobile;

6. Within 100 feet of any fisherman, pedestrian, skating rink or sliding area where the operation would conflict with use or endanger other persons or property;

Section 8.- It is unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile any place within the limits of the Village of Glyndon unless it is equipped with the following:

1. Standard mufflers which are properly attached and which reduce the noise of operation of the motor to the minimum necessary for operation. No person shall use a muffler cutout, by-pass, straight pipe or similar device on a snowmobile motor.

2. Brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold the snowmobile under any condition of operation.

3. A safety or so-called "deadman" throttle in operating condition. A safety or "deadman" throttle is defined as a device which when pressure is removed from the engine accelerator or throttle, causes the motor to be disengaged from the driving track.

4. When operated before sunrise and after sunset or at times of reduced visibility, 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 under normal atmospheric conditions. Such head lamp shall be so aimed that glaring rays are not projected into the eyes of oncoming snowmobile operators. It shall also be equipped with at least one red tail lamp having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to exhibit a red light plainly visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear during hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions.

5. A pennant flag of red or blaze material, of a size not less than 12 inches by 12 inches by 9 inches, at a height of not less than 6 feet from the ground level at any time when the vehicle is operated on public streets.

6. Reflective material at least 16 square inches on each side, forward of the handlebars, so as to reflect light at a ninety degree angle.

Section 9 - Every person leaving a snowmobile on a public place shall lock the ignition, remove the key and take the same with him.

Section 10 - Notwithstanding any prohibitions in this ordinance, 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.

Section 11 - It is unlawful to intentionally drive, chase, run over or kill any animal with a snowmobile.

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Section 12 - Every person convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) or by imprisonment for a period of not more than ninety (90) days, or both, but in either case the costs of prosecution may be added.

Section 13- Effect. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after February 11, _____, 1970.

Passed by the council this 2nd day of February 1970.

Approved,

Fay Bolin
Mayor, Fay Bolin

Seal attest:

Herbert Johnson
Clerk