

VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER

SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE

Ordinance #184

- 2.01. State Snowmobile Laws Adopted.
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2.01 STATE SNOWMOBILE LAWS ADOPTED.

Except as other wise specifically provided in this chapter, the statutory provisions describing and defining regulations with respect to snowmobiles in Ch. 350.02 to 350.05, 350.07 to 350.107, 350.11, 350.12, 350.135, 350.17, 350.18, 350.19 and 350.99, Wis Stats., are hereby adopted by reference and made part of this section as if set forth herein. Acts required to be performed or prohibited by such statues are required or prohibited by this section.

2.02 APPLICABILITY OF RULES OF THE ROAD TO SNOWMOBILES.

The operator of a snowmobile upon a roadway shall, in addition to the provisions of Ch. 350, be subject to Sections 346.04, 346.11, 346.14(1), 346.18, 346.19, 346.20, 346.21, 346.26, 346.27, 346.33, 346.37, 346.39, 346.40, 346.44, 346.47, 346.48, 346.50(1)(b), 346.51, 346.52, 346.53, 346.54, 346.55, 346.87, 346.88, 346.89, 346.90, 346.91(1), and 346.94(1) and (9), Wis Stats.

2.03. OPERATION OF SNOWMOBILES IN VILLAGE RESTRICTED

It shall be unlawful to operate any snowmobile on Village roads, lanes, cemeteries, parking lots, or on any public lands or private lands or parking lots held open to the public, except on snowmobile routes established by the Village Board. The operator shall at all times have the consent of the owner before operation of such craft or vehicle on private lands.

2.04. SNOWMOBILE ROUTES AND REGULATIONS.

(A) SNOWMOBILE ROUTES: Snowmobile routes are hereby designated by the Village Board as follows:

1. Second Ave. West from Linden Street. To 4th Street.

2. Alley way North between Second Street and Third Street from Second Ave. Across County Highway A to Dorchester Elementary School grounds.

(B) REGULATIONS:

Snowmobile routes shall be subject to the following:

a. Travel is permitted on the extreme right hand portion of the roadway (roadway being defined as that portion between the regularly established curb lines or that portion which is improved or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic, excluding the berm or shoulder).

b. Travel shall conform to the direction of the traffic in the nearest lane.

c. No person under the age of 12 years shall drive a snowmobile across any street or highway.

d. No person under the age of 16 years shall drive a snowmobile across any street or highway unless:

(1) he or she holds a valid snowmobile safety certificate issued by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; or

(2) He or she is accompanied by a person over the age of 18 years; or

(3) He or she is accompanied by a person over the age of 14 years who holds a valid snowmobile safety certificate issued by the Department of Natural Resources.

(4) Operators of all snowmobiles shall observe all posted speed limits. No operator shall disobey the instructions of any official traffic sign or signal unless otherwise directed by a traffic officer.

e. Snowmobiles speeds shall be consistent as signed and at no times exceed State of Wisconsin limits as established by statute or Village of Dorchester ordinance under penalty as established below in Section 2.07.

2.05 WRITTEN CONSENT OF OWNER REQUIRED.

The consent required under Ch. 350.10(1)(f),(k),(1), and (m), Wis. Stats., and in sec. 2.03 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 person, the consent of each must be obtained.

2.06 CURFEW

No minors or persons under the age of sixteen (16) years of age shall loiter, idle, wander or play either on foot or in a vehicle of any nature whatsoever upon the streets, alleys, highways, roads, sidewalks, parks, playgrounds, vacant lots or other unsupervised places of the Village of Dorchester between the hours of 10:00 o'clock P.M. and 6:00 o'clock A.M. during the months of September through May of each school year and between the hours of 10:00 o'clock P.M. and 6:00 A.M. during the months of June through August, unless accompanied by parent, guardian, or other adult person having care and custody of the minor.

No minors or persons under the age of eighteen(18) years of age shall loiter, idle, wander or play on foot or in a vehicle of any nature whatsoever upon the streets, alleys, highways, roads, sidewalks, parks, playgrounds, vacant lots, or other unsupervised places of the Village of Dorchester, between the hours of 12:00 o'clock P.M. and 6:00 o'clock A.M. unless accompanied by parent, guardian, or other adult person

having care and custody of the minor.

2.07 PENALTIES

A. Any person violating any provision of s2.01, s2.02, or s2.05, shall be subject to a forfeiture and penalty assessment if required by Ch. 165.87, Wis Stats., a jail assessment if required by Ch. 302.46, Wis Stats. Plus any applicable fees prescribed in Ch. 814, Wis Stats. Any forfeiture for violation of said Ordinances conform to the forfeiture permitted to be imposed for violation of the Statues by reference, including any variations or increases for subsequent violations.

B. Any person violating any provision of s2.03, s2.04, or s2.06 shall be subject to as forfeiture of a least \$50.00 but not more than \$100. In Addition, the person shall be responsible for the costs of prosecution.

C. In addition, the court may order that the snowmobile operated in violation of said ordinance be impounded for a period of not less than 15 days nor more than 60 days, beginning at a date specified by the court. Impoundment may be effected by taking physical possession of the machine, or by causing the same to be immobilized and sealed by the Village for a specified period. Operating the impounded machine during the specified period contrary to the courts order shall constitute a punishable, separate, subsequent violation of said ordinance.

D. In default of the immediate payment of any forfeiture and the costs of prosecution any person convicted of a violation of this chapter shall be committed to the Clark County Jail until such forfeiture and costs are paid. Every commitment shall limit the duration of such imprisonment to definite term not exceeding 90 days.

2.8 ENFORCEMENT

The Village of Dorchester Police Department and/or any law enforcement officer having jurisdiction may enforce any provision of this chapter.

2.9 SUNSET PROVISION.

This ordinance will automatically become invalid on October 31st of the years following passage or ratification unless re-ratified by incumbent Village Board members.

Adopted and approved this 5th day of November, 2003.

VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER

By Bea Seidel, President
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Attest Judy Robida
Judy Robida, Clerk

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