

CHAPTER 3**POLICE REGULATIONS****350. SNOWMOBILES**

Section 350.01. Definitions. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the terms defined herein, shall have the meanings ascribed to them.

Subd. 1. Person includes an individual, partnership, corporation, the state and its agencies and subdivisions, and any body of persons, whether incorporated or not.

Subd. 2. Snowmobile means a self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice or natural terrain steered by wheels, skis or runners.

Subd. 3. 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. 4. Operate means to ride in or on and control the operation of a snowmobile.

Subd. 5. Operator means every person who operates or is in actual physical control of a snowmobile.

Subd. 6. Roadway means that portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, including the shoulder.

Subd. 7. Street or highway means the entire width between boundary lines of any way or place when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for the purposes of vehicular traffic.

Subd. 8. Right of Way means the entire strip of land traversed by a highway or street in which the public owns the fee or an easement for roadway purposes.

Subd. 9. Safety or deadman throttle means a device which, when pressure is removed from the engine accelerator or throttle, causes the motor to be disengaged from the driving track.

Section 350.03. Operation. No person shall operate a snowmobile upon the roadway, shoulder or inside bank or slope of any trunk, county state aid, or county highway in this City and, in the case of a divided trunk or county highway, on the right of way between the opposing lanes of traffic, except as provided in this Ordinance, nor shall operation on any such highway be permitted where the roadway directly abuts a public sidewalk or walkway or property used for private purposes. No person shall operate a snowmobile within the right of way of any trunk, county state aid, or county highway between the hours of one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, except on the right hand side of such right of way and in the same direction as the highway traffic on the nearest lane of the roadway adjacent thereto. No snowmobile shall be operated at any time within the right of way of any interstate highway or freeway within this state.

Section 350.05. Crossings. A snowmobile may make a direct crossing of a street or highway except an interstate highway or freeway, provided:

Subd. 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.

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

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

Subd. 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.

Subd. 5. If the crossing is made between the hours of one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise or in conditions of reduced visibility, only if both front and rear lights are on.

Section 350.07. Intersections. No snowmobile shall enter any uncontrolled intersection without making a complete stop. The operator shall then yield the right of way to any vehicles or pedestrians which constitute an immediate hazard.

Section 350.09. Emergency. Notwithstanding any prohibition in this Ordinance, a snowmobile may be operated on a right-of-way in an emergency during the period of time when and at locations where snow upon the roadway renders travel by automobile impractical.

Section 350.11. Miscellaneous. Except as otherwise specifically permitted and authorized, it is unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile within the limits of the City of Medina as follows:

Subd. 1. On a public sidewalk or walkway provided or used for pedestrian travel.

Subd. 2. On private property of another without lawful authority or consent of the owner or occupant.

Subd. 3. On any publicly owned lands and frozen waters, including but not limited to school grounds, park property, playgrounds, recreation areas and golf courses, except areas previously listed or authorized for such use by the proper public authority, in which case such use should be lawful and snowmobiles may be driven in and out of such areas by the shortest route. Authorized areas in the City of Medina owned by the City shall be designated by council resolution.

Subd. 4. At any place, while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics or habitforming drugs.

- Subd. 5.** At a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under all the surrounding circumstances.
- Subd. 6.** At any place in a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the person or property of another or to cause injury or damage thereto.
- Subd. 7.** So as to tow any person or thing on a public street or highway except through use of a rigid tow bar attached to the rear of the snowmobile.
- Subd. 8.** At a speed greater than ten miles an hour when within 100 feet of any lakeshore, except in channels, or of fisherman, ice house or skating rinks, nor shall operation be permitted within 100 feet of any sliding area, nor where the operation would conflict with the lawful use of property or would endanger other persons or property.
- Subd. 9.** In a manner so as to create a loud, unnecessary or unusual noise which disturbs, annoys or interferes with the peace and quiet of other persons.

Section 350.13. Equipment. It is unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile any place within the limits of the City of Medina unless it is equipped with the following.

- Subd. 1. Muffler.** Standard mufflers which are properly attached and in constant operation, and which reduce the noise of operation of the motor to the minimum necessary for operation. Mufflers shall comply with Regulation CONS. 55 which is hereby adopted by reference as it existed on September 1, 1970. No person shall use a muffler cutout, by-pass, straight pipe or similar device on a snowmobile motor, and the exhaust system shall not emit or produce a sharp popping or crackling sound.
- Subd. 2.** Brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold the snowmobile under any conditions of operation.
- Subd. 3. Deadman Throttle.** A safety or deadman throttle in operating condition.
- Subd. 4. Head Lamps.** 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 an oncoming vehicle operator. It shall also be equipped with at least one red tail lamp having a minimum candle power of sufficient intensity to exhibit a red light plainly visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear during the hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions. The equipment to be in operating condition when the vehicle is operated between the hours of one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise or at times of reduced visibility.
- Subd. 5. Visibility.** Reflective material at least 16 square inches on each side, forward of the handlebars, so as to reflect or beam light at a ninety degree angle.

Section 350.15. Minors. No person under 14 years of age shall operate on streets or highways or make a direct crossing of a street or highway 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 or highways as permitted under this Ordinance and make a direct crossing thereof only if he has in his immediate possession a valid snowmobile safety certificate issued by the commissioner of conservation as provided by Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 84.86.

Section 350.17. Owner Liable. It is unlawful for the owner of a snowmobile to permit his snowmobile to be operated contrary to the provisions of this section.

Section 350.19. Leaving Snowmobile Unattended. Every person leaving a snowmobile in a public place shall lock the ignition, and remove the key.

Section 350.21. Chasing Animals Forbidden. It is unlawful to intentionally drive, chase, run over or kill any animal, wild or domestic with a snowmobile.