

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR THE USE
AND OPERATION OF SNOWMOBILES WITHIN THE CORPORATE
LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS
AND REVOKING, SUPERSEDING, AND REPLACING IN
ITS ENTIRETY ORDINANCE NO. 419

WHEREAS, the increased use and operation of snowmobiles upon the streets and public areas within the corporate limits of the Village of Winnebago now requires reasonable and proper regulations and control to protect and safeguard against injury to persons and property:

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the president and Board of Trustees of the Village of Winnebago, Illinois:

Section I

TITLE: This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as "SNOWMOBILE OPERATION AND SAFETY ORDINANCE".

Section II

1. All snowmobiles operated within the village limits of the Village of Winnebago, Illinois, shall display a valid State of Illinois registration decal issued by the Department of Conservation.

2. All snowmobiles operated within the village limits of the Village of Winnebago, Illinois, shall be covered by liability insurance. Proof of such insurance shall be shown to a law enforcement officer upon request.

Section III

TIME OF OPERATION: It shall be unlawful to operate a snowmobile within the village limits during the following time periods, to-wit:

1. 11:30 P.M. each day Sunday through Thursday, inclusive, until 8:00 A.M. the following day.
2. 1:30 A.M. until 8:00 A.M. on Saturday.
3. 1:30 A.M. until 8:00 A.M. on Sunday.

Section IV

OPERATION ON STREETS AND HIGHWAYS: Snowmobiles being operated along and upon streets and highways within the Village of Winnebago, shall be driven in the following manner, to-wit:

1. Along the far right side or edge of the street or highway in the direction of travel by the snowmobile and only in the direction of the flow of traffic along and upon said street.
2. A snowmobile shall be brought to a full and complete stop upon reaching and intersecting any street or highway and before entering or crossing such street or highway.
3. The operator of a snowmobile, upon, during and before crossing any street or highway, shall yield the right of way to all oncoming vehicles or other vehicles along and upon such street or highway which constitute a hazard to the snowmobile entering upon or or crossing such street or highway.
4. Crossing of intersecting streets or highways shall be made at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to the direction of the intersecting street or highway and at a point where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing.

Section V

PROHIBITED AREAS OF OPERATION: It shall be unlawful to operate a snowmobile along or upon any of the following areas:

1. Along or upon Benton Street between the north line of Winnebago Street on the south, and the south right of way of Main Street on the north.
2. Upon any public playground.
3. Upon any school ground.
4. Upon any private property, without the written or verbal consent of the owner or lessee thereof.

Section VI

SPEED RESTRICTIONS: It shall be unlawful to operate a snowmobile within the village limits at a speed greater than 15 miles per hour except upon private property owned or under the control of the operator or upon other private property with the permission of the owner thereof.

Section VII

GENERAL OPERATION: It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate a snowmobile within the Village limits in the following manner, to-wit:

1. In the opposite direction of the normal traffic flow upon a street or highway when the snowmobile is being driven along the side of said street or highway and less than 10 feet therefrom.
2. In a careless, reckless or negligent manner.

3. While under the influence of intoxicating beverages or narcotics or dangerous drugs.

4. Upon any sidewalk within the Village limits.

5. At any time without at least one lighted headlight and one lighted taillight when a snowmobile is being driven or operated.

Section VIII

PROHIBITED VEHICLES AND OPERATION:

1. It shall be unlawful to operate any snowmobile equipped or designed to perform in international or national competition within the village limits.

2. No person, except person authorized by law, shall drive or operate any snowmobile within the village limits while carrying or having any firearm in his possession unless the same shall be broken down and in its proper carrying case.

3. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate a snowmobile upon the street, highways or public areas within the village limits without a valid Illinois driver's license issued to him and in his possession, except as provided for in Section IX hereinbelow.

4. It shall be unlawful to drive or operate a snowmobile within the village limits unless such snowmobile is equipped with proper noise suppression devices in good operating condition.

5. It shall be unlawful to drive or operate a snowmobile within the village limits unless all persons therein are seated or when the same is occupied by persons exceeding in number the designed seating capacity of the snowmobile.

Section IX

YOUTHFUL OPERATORS:

1. No person under 10 years of age may operate a snowmobile.
2. Persons at least 10 and less than 12 years of age may operate a snowmobile only if they are either accompanied on the snowmobile by a parent or guardian or a person at least 18 year of age designated by a parent or guardian.
3. Persons at least 12 and less than 16 years of age may operate a snowmobile only if they are accompanied on the snowmobile by a parent or guardian, or a person at least 16 years of age designated by a parent or guardian, or such operator is in possession of a certificate issued by the Department of Conservation of the State of Illinois authorizing the holder to operate a snowmobile.

Section X

ACCIDENT REPORTS: The operator of any snowmobile involved in a collision, accident or other casualty, shall immediately notify the Village of Winnebago Police Department, or if unable to reach them, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, or the State Police so that a proper investigation may be conducted.

Section XI

FINES AND PENALTIES: Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$75.00 nor more than \$500.00.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and


after its passage, approval and publication, as provided by law.

Section XII


REVOCATION OF PRIOR ORDINANCE: The instant ordinance revokes, supersedes, and replaces in its entirety Ordinance No. 419 previously passed and approved on November 4, 1974, and published on November 7, 1974.

APPROVED:

BY:


President of the Board of Trustees
of the Village of Winnebago, Illinois

ATTEST:


Village Clerk

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