

Chapter 3

Snowmobiles

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Sec. 10-3-1 State Snowmobile and All-Terrain Vehicles Laws Adopted.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Chapter, the statutory provisions describing and defining regulations with respect to snowmobiles in the following enumerated sections of the Wisconsin Statutes are hereby adopted by reference and made part of this Chapter as if fully set forth herein. Acts required to be performed or prohibited by such statutes are required or prohibited by this Chapter. Any future amendments, revisions or modifications of the Statutes incorporated herein by reference are intended to be made part of this Code.

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Sec. 10-3-2 Applicability of Traffic Regulations to Snowmobiles.

No person shall operate a snowmobile upon any street, highway or alley within the Village of La Farge in violation of the traffic regulation provisions of Sections 346.04, 346.06, 346.11, 346.14(1), 346.18, 346.19, 346.20, 346.21, 346.26, 346.27, 346.33, 346.35, 346.37, 346.39, 346.40, 346.44, 346.46, 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, 346.92(1) and 346.94(1), (6), (6m) and (9), Wis. Stats.

Sec. 10-3-3 Unattended Vehicles.

No person shall leave or allow a snowmobile owned or operated by him to remain unattended on any public highway or public property while the motor is running or with the starting key left in the ignition.

Sec. 10-3-4 Operation Regulated.

- (a) Except as provided in Section 10-3-8 no person shall operate a snowmobile upon any streets or sidewalks within the Village of La Farge other than to drive directly across a street or sidewalk and then only after stopping and yielding the right-of-way to all pedestrians and vehicles approaching on said street or sidewalk.
- (b) No person shall drive or operate a snowmobile on private property or Village property within the Village of La Farge without consent or permission of the property owner.

Sec. 10-3-5 Speed; Unattended Snowmobiles.

- (a) **Speed.** No person shall operate a snowmobile upon any public highway within the Village at a speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour. No person shall operate a snowmobile

on any trail designated in Section 10-3-8 of this Chapter or in any public park or recreation area at a speed in excess of the posted limit.

- (b) **Unattended Snowmobiles.** No person shall leave or allow a snowmobile to remain unattended on any public highway or public property while the motor is running or with the starting key in the ignition.

Sec. 10-3-6 Restrictions on Operators.

- (a) No person under the age of twelve (12) years may operate a snowmobile. No person over the age of twelve (12) years but under the age of sixteen (16) years may operate a snowmobile unless he holds a valid snowmobile safety certificate or is accompanied by a person over eighteen (18) years of age or by a person over fourteen (14) years of age having a snowmobile safety certificate issued by the Department of Natural Resources.
- (b) No person shall operate any snowmobile upon any street, alley or other public right-of-way in the Village unless such person shall have a valid motor vehicle operator's license or unless such operator is accompanied by a person who has a valid motor vehicle operator's license and who is occupying a seat on the vehicle.

Sec. 10-3-7 Accidents and Accident Reports.

- (a) If he can do so without serious danger to his own snowmobile or to persons on board, the operator of a snowmobile involved in a snowmobile accident within the Village shall stop his snowmobile and shall render to other persons affected thereby such assistance as may be practicable and necessary to save them from or minimize any danger caused by the accident and shall give his name and address and identification of his snowmobile to any person injured and to the owner of any property damaged in the accident.
- (b) If the snowmobile accident results in death or injury to any person or total property damage in excess of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), every operator of a snowmobile involved in such accident shall, as soon as possible, notify the Police Department of the accident and shall, within ten (10) days after the accident, file a written report thereof with the department on forms prescribed by it.
- (c) If the operator of a snowmobile is physically incapable of making the report required by this Section and there was another occupant on the snowmobile at the time of the accident capable of making the report, he shall make such report.
- (d) "Snowmobile Accident" means a collision, accident or other casualty involving a snowmobile.

Sec. 10-3-8 Snowmobile Routes and Trails Designated.

- (a) **Routes Designated.** Except as provided in Sections 350.02 and 350.03, Wis. Stats., no person shall operate a snowmobile on any public right-of-way or public grounds, except upon snowmobile routes designated by Village Board resolution.
- (b) **Trail Markers.**
 - (1) Area snowmobile clubs shall be responsible for procuring, erecting and maintaining all necessary signs on all approved routes by the Village Board.
 - (2) The Chief of Police shall have the power to declare the stated snowmobile routes and trails either open or closed.
- (c) **Markers to be Obeyed.** No person shall fail to obey any route or trail sign, marker or limit erected in accordance with this Section.

Cross Reference: Section 10-4-2.

Sec. 10-3-9 Penalty.

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit not less than Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) and not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), together with the costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment thereof, may be imprisoned in the county jail for not exceeding ten (10) days, provided no person shall forfeit an amount in excess of the maximum fine or forfeiture allowed in the Wisconsin Statutes for the same offense and further provided that the penalty and forfeiture for parking violations on highways shall be the amount applicable to such violations by owners or operators of motor vehicles under Title 10, Chapter 1, of this Code of Ordinances.

Sec. 10-3-10 Enforcement.

- (a) **Uniform Citation for Highway Violations.** The uniform traffic citation promulgated under Sec. 345.11, Wis. Stats., shall be used for violations of this Chapter relating to highway use except as herein provided.
- (b) **Parking Violations.** The special traffic citation described and defined in Title 10, Chapter 1, of this Code of Ordinances shall be used for enforcement of violations of rules of the road relating to parking of vehicles adopted by reference in Section 10-3-1 of this Chapter.
- (c) **Other Violations.** All violations of this Chapter not described in Subsections (a) or (b) shall be enforced in accordance with Sections 66.12 and 66.114 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Stipulations of guilt or no contest may be made as provided in Sec. 66.12(1)(b), Wis. Stats., in substantially the form provided in the uniform traffic citation within five (5) days of the

date of the citation for such violation. Bail deposits may also be made under Sec. 66.12, Wis. Stats.

- (d) **Police Department to Receive Stipulations and Penalties.** Stipulations, forfeited penalties and deposits for obtaining release from arrest authorized under this Chapter may be accepted at the Police Department offices.
- (e) **Forfeited Penalties and Deposits.** Except as otherwise provided in Sec. 345.26, Wis. Stats., and the deposit schedule adopted by the State Board of Circuit Court Judges thereunder, required penalties and deposits or bail not including costs or fees for violation of this Chapter shall be as established by the schedule adopted by the Village Board.