

ARTICLE IV. SNOWMOBILES*

***Editor's note:** Ord. No. 03-335, §§ 1--4, adopted Feb. 3, 2003, did not specifically amend the Code. Hence, its inclusion herein as article IV, sections 94-71--94-74, was at the discretion of the editor.

Sec. 94-71. Operation of snowmobiles prohibited, with certain exceptions.

A person shall not operate a snowmobile on any roadway, street, alley, or any public property or area, or private property not owned by or under the written, legally authorized control of the owner of the snowmobile, within the corporate limits of this governmental unit, with the following exceptions:

- (1) The public safety director is hereby authorized to permit the operation of a snowmobile on a roadway when, because of snow or other extreme roadway conditions, conventional motor vehicles cannot be used for necessary transportation.
- (2) A snowmobile may be operated on a roadway only for a distance of not more than 500 feet while traveling to an area approved for snowmobile use or between two approved areas.

(Ord. No. 03-335, § 1, 2-3-2003)

Sec. 94-72. Registration required; exceptions.

A snowmobile shall not be operated within the corporate limits of this governmental unit unless and until it is registered by the owner pursuant to Act No. 74 of the Public Acts of 1968, as amended, being section 257.1501 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws, except that the following snowmobiles may be operated without being registered:

- (1) A snowmobile operated exclusively on lands owned by, or under the written, legally authorized control of, the snowmobile owner.
- (2) A snowmobile used entirely in an approved safety education and training program conducted by a certified snowmobile safety instructor.
- (3) A snowmobile that is exclusively operated in a special event of limited duration which is conducted according to a prearranged schedule under a permit from this governmental unit.

(Ord. No. 03-335, § 2, 2-3-2003)

Sec. 94-73. Stopping at direction of uniformed police officer; violation; identification of official law enforcement vehicle.

- (a) The operator of a snowmobile who is given a visual or audible signal by hand, voice, emergency light, or siren by a police officer, who is acting in the lawful performance of his or her duty, which directs the operator to bring his or her snowmobile to a stop shall do so immediately. An operator shall not willfully fail to obey the direction by increasing his or her speed, extinguishing his or her lights, or otherwise attempting to flee or elude the officer.

(b) The officer who gives the signal shall be in uniform. A vehicle or snowmobile that is used at night for purposes of enforcing this chapter shall be identified as an official law enforcement vehicle or snowmobile.

(Ord. No. 03-335, § 3, 2-3-2003)

Sec. 94-74. Violation as misdemeanor.

(a) A person who violates a provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b) When the judge of a juvenile court determines that a person who is less than 16 years of age has violated the act, the judge shall immediately report the determination to the department of natural resources. The director of the department of natural resources, upon receiving a notice of a determination pursuant to this subsection, may suspend the certificate without a hearing.

(Ord. No. 03-335, § 4, 2-3-2003)