

## ARTICLE V. - SNOWMOBILES

## FOOTNOTE(S):

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**State Law reference**— Snowmobiles, MCL 324.82101 et seq.

## DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

## Sec. 36-160. - Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this article unless otherwise specifically stated:

*Operate* means to ride in or on and be in actual physical control of the operation of a snowmobile while in motion.

*Snowmobile* means any motor-driven vehicle designed for travel primarily on snow or ice of a type that utilizes sled-type runners or skis, an endless belt tread, or any combination of these or other similar means of contact with the surface upon which it is operated.

*(Ord. No. 155, § 1(74-145), 2-12-2009)*

## Sec. 36-161. - Penalty.

Except as provided within section 36-184, a violation of this article shall be punishable as a municipal civil infraction.

*(Ord. No. 155, § 1(74-149), 2-12-2009)*

## Sec. 36-162. - Intent.

The purpose of this article is to regulate the use of snowmobiles within the city limits.

*(Ord. No. 155, § 1(74-144), 2-12-2009)*

## Secs. 36-163—36-181. - Reserved.

## DIVISION 2. - RULES AND REGULATIONS

Sec. 36-182. - Snowmobiles upon the city streets.

- (a) Except as permitted within this section, the operation of snowmobiles is prohibited on any city street, road, alley or other public thoroughfare.
- (b) During appropriate weather conditions, defined as the presence of snow, snow pack, ice or a combination of these sufficient to permit safe and non-destructive operation, the operation of snowmobiles is permitted on all city streets, except as provided within subsection (c) of this section.
- (c) The operation of snowmobiles is prohibited on the following city streets, except to cross at designated intersections:
  - (1) Main Street from the north city limit to the south city limit.
  - (2) Muskegon Street from the east city limit to the western limit of the 425 District, except to travel a distance of one-half of a city block from any intersection to reach a specific destination.
- (d) The operation of snowmobiles is prohibited within any park or cemetery.  
*(Ord. No. 155, § 1(74-146), 2-12-2009)*

Sec. 36-183. - Rules of operation.

- (a) Snowmobiles shall be operated at a safe speed for the conditions existing at the time of the operation. Snowmobiles operated upon any city street shall not exceed the posted speed limit.
- (b) Snowmobiles shall observe and obey all applicable city ordinances and state traffic laws.
- (c) Snowmobiles shall yield and give right-of-way to all pedestrian traffic and shall come to a complete stop for pedestrians crossing any city street, road, alley or other public thoroughfare.
- (d) Not more than two persons shall be permitted to operate a snowmobile.
- (e) No person shall operate a snowmobile between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday, upon any city street, road, alley or other public thoroughfare.
- (f) Where permitted by section 36-182, snowmobiles must operate on the extreme right of the plowed area of any city street.
- (g) Where permitted by section 36-182, snowmobiles must operate in single file and with the flow of vehicle traffic.
- (h) Snowmobiles shall operate with one headlight and one taillight on at all times.

- (i) No person shall operate any snowmobile upon any sidewalk.
- (j) Snowmobiles shall be equipped with a muffler that has not been modified or altered from that which was factory installed.

*(Ord. No. 155, § 1(74-147), 2-12-2009)*

Sec. 36-184. - Alcoholic liquor and controlled substances.

- (a) A person shall not operate a snowmobile while under the influence of alcoholic liquor; a controlled substance as defined under article 7 of Public Act No. 368 of 1978 (MCL 333.7101 et seq.); or a combination of alcoholic liquor and a controlled substance.
- (b) The owner or person in charge or control of a snowmobile shall not authorize or knowingly permit the snowmobile to be operated by a person who is under the influence of alcoholic liquor; a controlled substance as defined under article 7 of Public Act No. 368 of 1978 (MCL 333.7101 et seq.); or a combination of alcoholic liquor and a controlled substance.
- (c) A violation of this section shall be punishable as a misdemeanor.

*(Ord. No. 155, § 1(74-148), 2-12-2009)*

Sec. 36-185. - State law provisions applicable.

Nothing contained within this article shall be construed to relieve a person of the duties and obligations imposed under state law or the rules and regulations imposed by the state department of natural resources and environment or the state police.

*(Ord. No. 155, § 1(74-150), 2-12-2009)*