

NOTICE
Town of Lunenburg
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The Select Board of the Town of Lunenburg unanimously voted to adopt the Town of Lunenburg Snowmobile Ordinance at its regular Select Board meeting held on Monday, January 5, 2026.

Full text of the ordinance follows:

TOWN OF LUNENBURG SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE

Section I AUTHORITY.

Under authority granted in 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59, 24 V.S.A. 3210 and 3510, the Select Board of the Town of Lunenburg hereby adopts the following ordinance.

Section II PURPOSE.

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the manner and location of operation of snowmobiles on town roads.

Section III DEFINITIONS

A. "Snowmobile" means a self-propelled vehicle intended for off-road travel primarily on snow, having a curb weight of not more than 793.783 kg (1,750 lbs.); driven by track or tracks in contact with the snow; and steered by a ski or skis in contact with the snow. The maximum width of a snowmobile shall be no more than 48 inches. An all-terrain vehicle converted to operate with tracks shall not be considered to be a snowmobile.

B. "Operate" includes an attempt to operate and shall be construed to cover all matters and things connected with the presence and use of snowmobiles whether they be at motion or rest.

C. The "Statewide Snowmobile Trail System (SSTS)" is a network of maintained snowmobile trails administrated by the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST) and maintained by affiliated clubs. Annually, a VAST snowmobile club(s) will submit a list of town roads that become part of the SSTS to the Select Board. When a town road transitions from maintained road to groomed trail, corresponding signage shall be erected to inform other users.

Section IV OPERATION

A. All snowmobiles must be operated in accordance with this Ordinance and the requirements described under Vermont Title 23, Chapter 029.

B. Snowmobiles shall be permitted on the following roads:

1. Any town road not routinely maintained during the winter.

2. Class IV roads, unless posted otherwise by the Select Board. When a Class IV road becomes a groomed snowmobile trail as part of the SSTS, a VAST TMA is required unless the snowmobile is being used to access nearby property.
3. Class III roads, unless posted otherwise by the Select Board.
4. Class II roads if adjuncts for control of the machine and protection of the paved surface are applied, unless posted otherwise by the Select Board.

C. Snowmobiles operating on town roads must travel in single file and follow all traffic rules that apply.

D. Application may be made to the Select Board for exceptions based on Agricultural uses or other special circumstances.

Section V PENALTIES

Each Offense.....\$150

Section VI ENFORCEMENT

This is a civil ordinance and shall be enforced by law enforcement officials through the Judicial Bureau.

Section VII SEVERABILITY

If any section of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

Section VIII EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective immediately after its adoption by the Lunenburg Select Board. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.

Adopted on this 5th day of January, 2026 by the Lunenburg Select Board

End of text of the Town of Lunenburg Snowmobile Ordinance

For questions or to make comments on the Town of Lunenburg Snowmobile Ordinance, please contact Town Clerk Gary Briggs at 9 W. Main Street, Lunenburg, VT 05906 or by mail via PO Box 54, Lunenburg, VT 05906 or by phone at 802-892-5959.

A copy of the Town of Lunenburg Snowmobile Ordinance may be obtained at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours at 9 W. Main Street, Lunenburg, VT 05906.

If you wish to challenge the Town of Lunenburg Snowmobile Ordinance, you may do so by submitting a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the Ordinance, signed by not less than five per cent of the qualified voters of the Town of Lunenburg (62 signatures),

and presented to the Select Board or the Town Clerk of Lunenburg on or before Wednesday, February 18, 2026, which is 44 days following the adoption of the ordinance by the Select Board on January 5, 2026. If a valid petition is received, an article will be placed on the Warning for the Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026.