CHAPTER 61: SNOWMOBILES

ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 61.1 Title

This Chapter shall be known as and may be cited as the "Snowmobile Ordinance of the Town of Camillus".

§ 61.2 Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to protect the public health, welfare and safety by regulating the operation of snowmobiles on public highways and places in the Town of Camillus in a manner which will be compatible with the use of such highways and places for vehicular and pedestrian travel and other uses, and which will promote the safe and proper use of snowmobiles for recreation and commerce and minimize detrimental effects of such use on the environment.

§ 61.3 Definitions

The terms, words and phrases used in this Chapter shall have the same meaning as such terms, words and phrases are defined in § 21.05 of the Parks and Recreation Law.

ARTICLE II - OPERATION ON HIGHWAYS AND PARKS

§ 61.21 Operation on Town highways

A. Uncongested highways of the Town; operating on the shoulders. Only the following highways of the Town are hereby designated as uncongested for the purpose of operation of snowmobiles on the shoulders thereof: Mill Road, Ed Dixon Road, Ike Dixon Road and Breed Road.[1]

B. Operation of snowmobiles shall be permitted on the shoulder or inside bank of all other Town highways, roads and streets for the purpose of gaining access to and from an open, off-road area of operation adjacent to Town highways, roads and streets, subject to the provisions contained in § 61.23.

C. Limited operation on highways; emergency. All highways may be used for emergency travel only when a state of emergency has been declared by the Camillus Town Supervisor by reason of snow accumulation, which renders travel by automobile impracticable.

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[1] Mill Road renamed Hunt Road, Ed Dixon Road renamed Rolling Hills Road

§ 61.22 Operation on Town Lands

Operation of snowmobiles on all Town lands is prohibited except as authorized by the Director of Parks and Recreation pursuant to §41.9(F) of this Code. {Amd. LL#4-86, 02/25/86; amd LL#3-99, 02/09/99}

§ 61.23 Conditions and restrictions

Whenever the operation of a snowmobile is permitted on a highway or portion thereof, as provided in this Chapter, or on parks or public lands of the Town, the following conditions and restrictions are hereby imposed to all such snowmobile operations;

A. Public or private lands
No person shall operate a snowmobile or permit a snowmobile to be operated on any lands owned, occupied by or under the jurisdiction of the Town, or privately owned, except with the permission of the Town, owner or lessee.

B. Direction of travel
No person shall operate a snowmobile within a highway of the Town of Camillus except on the right side of such highway and in the same direction as vehicular traffic. Operation on other public places shall be only in the direction, if any, marked by appropriate route direction signs.

C. Speed limit
No person shall operate a snowmobile at a speed in excess of ten (10) miles per hour on Town roads, except those designated as uncongested.

D. Visibility
No person shall operate a snowmobile on a highway under conditions wherein visibility has been reduced below one hundred (100) feet.

E. Unnecessary noise
It shall be unlawful to operate a snowmobile, except if specially sanctioned and approved by the State Office of Parks and Recreation, in any manner which creates loud, unnecessary or unusual noise so as to disturb or interfere with the peace and quiet of other persons, or in any other manner which constitutes a public nuisance or annoys, injures or endangers the health, safety, comfort or repose of the public. No operator shall use a muffler cutout, bypass or any other device to interfere with or diminish the effectiveness of a muffler in good working condition.

F. Financial security
It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or permit the operation of a snowmobile on a highway or public lands unless the owner or operator of such snowmobile is insured against public liability and the operator carries with him or her proof of financial responsibility, such as a certificate of liability insurance of the type, coverage and minimum amount as required by § 25.13 of the Parks and Recreation Law. Such proof shall be displayed by the operator of any snowmobile upon request to any law enforcement officer, or to any person who has suffered or claims to have suffered either personal injury or damage to property as a result of the operation of such snowmobile by such operator.

G. Unattended snowmobiles
It shall be unlawful for any owner or operator to leave or allow a snowmobile to be left unattended on any Town of Camillus road.

H. Obedience to vehicular traffic controls
Each person operating a snowmobile on a Town of Camillus road shall observe and obey strictly all vehicular traffic signs and signals and all other rules and regulations applicable to vehicular traffic, and shall obey the orders and directions of any State or local police or other law enforcement officer authorized to direct and regulate traffic.

I. Age of operator
It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of sixteen (16) years to operate a snowmobile on the shoulder of any Town of Camillus road. It shall also be unlawful for any owner or other person in actual control of a snowmobile to permit such operation by a person under the age of sixteen (16) years.

§ 61.24 Town not to assume liability

Nothing contained in this Chapter which permits the use or operation of snowmobiles upon public lands, public rights-of-way, streets and highways, or the shoulders or snowbanks of the Town of Camillus does not hereby extend any assurance to the owners, operators or occupants of snowmobiles, or any other person, that such public lands, trails, rights-of-way, streets and highways, or the shoulder of snowbanks thereof, are safe for such purpose, or assume any responsibility for or incur liability for any injury to person or property caused by an act or omission of a person operating a snowmobile thereon.

ARTICLE IV - OFFENSES AND PENALTIES

§ 61.50 Offenses; penalties

1. Unless otherwise specifically provided, any person who violates any provision of this Chapter, or of any rule, regulation or order adopted pursuant thereto, shall be guilty of a:

    a. traffic infraction, if such provision, rule, regulation or order is one which regulates traffic as specified in § 155 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, but does not relate to snowmobiles.
    b. violation, for any other offense

2. A traffic infraction shall be punishable as provided in paragraph (b) of § 1800 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law in the same manner as if the offense were a violation of the Vehicle and Traffic Law. A violation shall be punishable as provided in the Penal Law, except that the maximum fine may not exceed One Hundred Dollars ($100.00).

    Authority: Pks & Rec L §§ 25.05(7); 25.09(1)

Cross references:

Public Conduct. Chapter 65

Traffic and Vehicles. Chapter 60.

References:

Accidents, reports. Pks & Rec L § 25.25.

County highways, permission required. Pks & Rec L § 25.09(l).

Definition of snowmobile. V & T L § 2221(l).

Disposition of fines and penalties. Pks & Rec L § 27.13.

payment to State Comptroller not later than tenth day of each month. Pks & Rec L § 25.13(l).

Emergencies; supervisor to declare. Pks & Rec L § 25.05, § 21.05.

Enforcement provisions. Pks & Rec. L § 27.01 - § 27.15.

Filing with Office of Parks and Recreation. Pks & Rec L §25.09(3).

Liability for negligence. Pks & Rec L § 25.23.

Liability Insurance. Pks & Rec L § 25.13.

Licensing by municipalities prohibited. V & T L § 2226.

Operation of snowmobiles. Pks & Rec L § 25.03 et seq.

Penalties. Pks & Rec L § 27.11.

Registration. V & T L § 2222, certificate. V & T L § 2225.

Rules and regulations. V & T L § 2227.

Signs and markers required. Pks & Rec L § 25.09(1) (b & c).

Snowmobile is not a motor vehicle. V & T L § 2229.

See however, definitions of vehicle. V & T L § 159.

Special events. registration not required. V & T : § 2228.

State aid; snowmobile enforcement. Pks & Rec L § 27.15.

Youthful operators. Pks & Rec L § 25.19.

responsibility for. Pks & Rec L § 25.21.

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