

Chapter 174

SNOWMOBILES

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Vernon 1-11-1971. Sections 174-1, 174-2, 174-4, 174-6, 174-7 and 174-8 amended at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I. Other amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Streets and sidewalks — See Ch. 179.

§ 174-1. Operation permitted.¹

Snowmobiles duly registered or exempt therefrom by the State of New York shall be permitted to operate upon and use, for the limited and specific purpose of gaining access to recreational areas, all those certain streets and highways of this village as may be hereafter set forth under § 174-2 hereof; and permission hereunder granted shall be subject to the rules, regulations, requirements and conditions so provided herein.

¹ Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I.

§ 174-2. Designated access routes.²

No streets and highways as may be owned by or under the jurisdiction of this village shall be open to the use stated in § 174-1, hereof.³

§ 174-3. Minimum age of operator.

No person fifteen (15) years of age or under, that is, not having attained a 16th birthday, shall operate a snowmobile hereunder.

§ 174-4. Operation restrictions.⁴

Snowmobiles shall be operated hereunder in accordance with the regulations, requirements and conditions hereafter set forth and deemed reasonable rules for the operation of said vehicles within this village and promulgated hereunder to promote conservation of the local environment, the safety of persons and property within this village and to give effect to the legislative purpose of Title D of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law of New York within the jurisdictional limits of this village. Those regulations, requirements and conditions are as follows:

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile within the jurisdiction of this village at a speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile into or through an intersection of streets or highways without first bringing said vehicle to a complete halt or stop and granting the right-of-way in such intersection to pedestrian and motor vehicular traffic.
- C. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile upon any sidewalk or right-of-way reserved only to pedestrians except to cross the same, at approximately right angles thereto, to gain access to property upon which operation is

² Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I.

³ Editor's Note: Original Section 19.3, regarding insurance, which immediately followed this section, was deleted at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I.

⁴ Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I.

lawful hereunder; and the right-of-way, during such a crossing, shall be granted to pedestrians.

- D. It shall be unlawful for any person to allow the motor of a halted snowmobile to remain in a running attitude in excess of five (5) minutes.

§ 174-5. Enforcement.

Any law enforcement officer of New York State, the County of Oneida and this village shall be empowered to enforce the provisions hereof.

§ 174-6. Penalties for offenses.⁵

Any person who shall violate the provisions of any section hereof shall be guilty of a violation of this chapter and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5.) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.).

§ 174-7. Conflict with other provisions.⁶

The provisions hereof are to be considered as separable and separate; and if any provision shall be in conflict with Title D of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law of New York or fail to be a valid regulation for any reason, then the remaining provisions shall have the same force and effect as though said conflict or failure had not occurred.

§ 174-8. Statutory provisions.⁷

The provisions of this chapter shall be in addition to those of Title D of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law of New York; and the provisions, requirements, conditions and definitions under said Title D shall be deemed a part of this chapter, with the same force and effect as though more fully set forth herein.

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