

ORDINANCE 2018-08
SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE FOR
THE TOWN OF WINCHESTER, VILAS COUNTY, WISCONSIN

A. Purpose:

The Town Board of Winchester deems it necessary to adopt regulations controlling snowmobiling on town roads designated for use by snowmobiles in the Town of Winchester. It is the intent of the Town Board to establish uniform regulations for the safety and welfare of snowmobilers utilizing town roads.

B. Authority:

The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to all named roads in the Town of Winchester that have been designated snowmobiling routes to be used by all snowmobiles only for access to and from snowmobile trails filed with the Department of Natural Resources, State of Wisconsin, pursuant to Section 350.047 and Section 350.18 Wis. Stats.

C. Speed Restrictions:

No person shall operate a snowmobile on a designated named town road at speeds over 20MPH, or in any unsafe, unreasonable, or improper manner.

D. Manner of Travelling on Town Roads:

1. Snowmobiles shall travel in the same direction as traffic on the right side of the road. Operating a snowmobile against traffic on the left side of the road is prohibited.
2. All persons operating snowmobiles on town roads shall travel in single file allowing appropriate and prudent distance with snowmobilers ahead of them. No person shall operate beside or abreast of another snowmobile at any time. All snowmobilers are required to follow all applicable motor vehicle laws and regulations.

E. Snowmobile Clubs:

Snowmobile clubs shall follow all Town, State, and County requirements. Any changes in snowmobile routes must be vetted and approved by the Town Board.

F. Violations, Legal Actions, and Penalties:

1. The Winchester Town Board shall enforce the Snowmobile Ordinance and shall make rulings as to the compliance in questionable or disputed situations.
2. If any provision of this ordinance is being violated, written notice of such violation shall be issued indicating both the nature of the violation. Persons may appeal in writing with the Town Clerk within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice. Appeals shall be placed on the agenda by the Clerk for the next Town Board meeting.
3. If the violation is appealed within the thirty (30) day period, actions may be instituted to collect the penalties for such violations.

4. Any person found to be in violation of this ordinance may be subject to a penalty.
5. Should any section, clause or portion of this ordinance be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.
6. This ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication as provided by law.