

CHAPTER 16

SNOWMOBILES

16. 01 DEFINITIONS. Terms used in this chapter mean as follows:

Snowmobile: A self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice in a natural terrain powered by a drive belt and steered by skis or runners or similar devices.

Operate: To control the operation of a snowmobile.

Operator: A person who operates or is in actual control of a snowmobile.

16. 02 MUFFLER AND NOISE REQUIREMENTS. It shall be unlawful to use a snowmobile propelled by a motor or machine unless the same is provided with a serviceable muffler capable of adequately muffling the sound of exhaust of the engine. The phrase "adequate muffling" shall mean that the motor exhausted at all times be so muffled or suppressed as to not create excessive or unusual noise. No other excessive or unusual noise created through the operation of said device is allowed.

16. 03 AGE REQUIREMENTS. An operator of a snowmobile must be at least 14 years of age and carry either a valid driver's license or a certificate of instruction issued by the Illinois Department of Conservation.

16. 04 RESTRICTED AREAS. It shall be unlawful to operate a snowmobile on private property of another without the express permission to do so or by the owner or occupant of said property or on public property, including but not limited to, school grounds, park property, public streets, play grounds, and recreational areas without express permission to do so by the proper public authority.

16. 05 OPERATION. (a) Reckless Operation. No person shall operate any snowmobile in a careless, willful, heedless, reckless, or wanton manner so as to endanger, harass or annoy persons, or endanger property.

(b) Driving While Under the Influence. No person shall operate any snowmobile or be in actual physical control of any snowmobile who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor and/or narcotic drug.

(c) There shall be no racing of snowmobiles within the Village of Richmond except with the express authority of the Village Board.

16.06 ILLINOIS SNOWMOBILE AND REGISTRATION SAFETY ACT. This chapter hereby incorporates by reference all applicable provisions of the "Illinois Snowmobile and Registration Safety Act" of the State of Illinois, and amendments thereto, and the same shall be endorsed as part of this chapter, except where this chapter further restricts operation and use of snowmobiles, then this chapter takes precedence.

16.07 ENFORCEMENT. The Village of Richmond Police Department, or any special police or snow safety patrol authorized by the Village of Richmond, shall, for purposes of this chapter, have full and complete jurisdiction of enforcement of this chapter.

16.08 PENALTY. Any person violating any part of this chapter shall be fined pursuant to Appendix A of this Code. (*Ord. 2012-07*)

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