

## **TOWN OF GREENVILLE SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE**

### **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND REGULATING SNOWMOBILE USE ON TOWN ROADS**

#### **SECTION 1.0. INTRODUCTION**

**1.1 Authority.** This ordinance is adopted pursuant to authority conferred by Section 350.18(3)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**1.2 Purpose.** The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize and regulate use of certain Town Roads for snowmobile operation.

#### **SECTION 2.0. DEFINITIONS**

(1) "Highway" means all public ways and thoroughfares and bridges on the same. It includes the entire width between the boundary lines of every way open to the use of the public as a matter of right for the purposes of vehicular travel. It includes those roads or driveways in the state, county or Town parks and in state forests which have been opened to the use of the public for the purpose of vehicular travel, and roads or driveways upon the grounds of public schools, as defined in s. 115.01(1), and institutions under jurisdiction of the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors, but does not include private roads or driveways.

(2) "Purpose of access from lodging" means for the purpose of traveling for the shortest distance that is necessary for a person operating the snowmobile to go between a lodging establishment and an open snowmobile route or snowmobile trail that is closest to the lodging establishment.

(3) "Purpose of residential access" means for the purpose of traveling for the shortest distance that is necessary for a person operating the snowmobile to go between a residence and an open snowmobile route or snowmobile trail that is closest to that residence.

(4) Roadway means that portion of a highway between the regularly established curb lines or that portion which is improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, excluding the berm or shoulder. In a divided highway the term "roadway" refers to each roadway separately but not to all such roadways collectively.

(5) "Snowmobile" means an engine-driven vehicle that is manufactured solely for snowmobiling, that has an endless belt tread and sled-type runners, or skis,

to be used in contact with snow but does not include such a vehicle that is any of the following:

(a) A vehicle that has inflatable tires.

(b) A vehicle that is driven by a motor of 4 horsepower or less and that is operated in sanctioned races, derbies, competitions or exhibitions or only on private property.

### **SECTION 3.0. USE OF TOWN HIGHWAYS**

**3.1 Limited Use.** Snowmobile operation is limited to the purpose of access from lodging and to the purpose of residential access on all other Town highways.

**3.2. Emergency Use.** Snowmobiles may be operated on any Town highway during a period of emergency when so declared by the Town Board.

### **SECTION 4.0 SNOWMOBILE OPERATIONS**

**4.1. Path of Operation.** Snowmobiles shall be operated on the far right side of the roadway and shall travel single file.

**4.2. Left Turns.** Left turns shall be made as safely as possible from any position depending on snow cover and other prevailing conditions.

**4.3. Yielding Right-of-Way.** Snowmobile operators shall yield right-of-way to other vehicular traffic and pedestrians.

**4.4. Months of Use.** Snowmobile operation on Town highways and Town trails is limited to the period December 1 to March 31.

**4.5. Operation Regulated by Statute.** Snowmobile operation is subject to the rules and regulations of Chapter 350 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**4.6. Speed Limit.** Snowmobile operation shall not exceed speeds of 35 miles per hour on any Town highway.

**4.7. Stopping at Intersections.** Snowmobiles shall come to a complete stop at all highway intersections.

### **SECTION 5.0 PENALTIES AND NOTICE**

**5.1 Penalties.** Penalties for violating this ordinance shall be as set forth in Section 350(11)(1)(a) Wisconsin Statutes.

**5.2 Notice.** Upon adoption of this ordinance, the Town Clerk shall submit copies to the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Att'n: Snowmobile Section, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, Wisconsin, 53707-7921.

**5.3 Repeal.** This ordinance repeals and recreates Ordinance No. \_\_\_ Snowmobile Operation Ordinance, adopted September 13, 1993, and amended December 8, 1997.

Dated this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Randy Leiker, Town Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deborah Wagner, Clerk