

**CHAPTER 5  
MOTOR VEHICLES, PARKING & TRAFFIC**

**SECTION 1**

**501.000. OPERATION OF SNOWMOBILES WITHIN THE CITY.**

**501.001. STATE STATUTES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE.** The provisions of Section 3, 4, 7 and 8 of Chapter 876 of the Laws of 1967, being Sections 84.81, 84.82, 84.84 and 84.86 of the Minnesota Statutes, and the provisions of Section 3, 6, 9, 10 and 13 of Chapter 695 of the Laws of 1969, being Sections 84.82, Subd. 1, 84.86, 84.871, 84.872 and 171.03 of the Minnesota Statutes, are hereby adopted as Snowmobile Regulations for and within the Village of Winsted and are hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Ordinance as completely as if set out here in full.

(Ord. 70-01, Sec. 1, 1/8/70)

**501.002. OPERATION OF SNOWMOBILES ON STREETS AND HIGHWAYS.**

- A. A city resident shall be able to operate a snowmobile upon a City street while driving the same from his/her residence to the most direct route in or out of the City limits or to a designated snowmobile route. All other snowmobilers must use the City's designated snowmobile routes.

The designated snowmobile routes of the City of Winsted are as follows: Sixth Street North and South, the marked snowmobile trail through Hainlin Park; and Mill Reserve Park.

- B. A snowmobile may make a direct crossing of a street or highway provided:
1. The crossing is made at an angle of approximately 90° to the direction of the highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing; and
  2. The snowmobile is brought to a complete stop before crossing the main traveled way of the street or highway; and
  3. The driver yields the right of way to all oncoming traffic which constitutes an immediate hazard.
- C. No person shall operate a snowmobile upon a public street or highway unless he is a licensed driver and unless the snowmobile is equipped with at least one head lamp and one tail lamp, and with brakes which conform to standards prescribed by Rule of the Commissioner of Highways.
- D. A snowmobile may be operated upon a public street or highway other than as provided above in an emergency during the period of time when and at locations where snow upon the roadway renders travel by automobile impractical.

E. All provisions of the Minnesota Highway Traffic Regulation Act, Chapter 169 of the Minnesota Statutes, and all provision of Traffic Ordinances adopted by the Village of Winsted shall apply to the operation of snowmobiles upon streets and highways in the Village of Winsted, except for those provisions relating to required equipment, and except those which by their nature have no application.  
(Ord. O-11-02, Sec.3, 3/7/11)

F. OPERATION GENERALLY. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any snowmobile in the following unsafe or harassing ways:

1. At a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under all of the surrounding circumstances;
2. In a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the person or property of another or to cause injury or damage thereto;
3. While under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics or habit forming drugs;
4. Without a lighted headlight and tail light when required for safety;
5. Upon any private property in the City of Winsted without the consent or permission of the owner or occupant;
6. Upon any public or park property in the City of Winsted in such a manner as to injure, damage or destroy plants, shrubs, bushes or trees, or to otherwise damage such public or park property; and
7. In the area of the Nursing Home while creating unnecessary noise or in a disturbing manner.
8. Upon a public or private cemetery.

G. PARKING GENERALLY. It shall be unlawful for any person to park a snowmobile upon a City street, park, or designated route, except as follows: snowmobiles may be only parked in Hainlin or Mill Reserve Park between the hours of one-half hour before sunrise and 1:30 a.m.  
(Ord. 70-01, Sec. 2, 1/8/70; Ord. 99-03, Sec. 1, 2/16/09; O-11-02, Sec. 2, 3/7/11)

501.003. **PENALTY.** Any violation of the provisions of this Ordinance, including the Sections of the Minnesota Statutes adopted by reference, is a violation of this Ordinance when it occurs within the City of Winsted. Any person violating any provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed \$1,000, or 90 days jail, or both, unless the penalty provision for a misdemeanor contained in Minnesota Statute § 609.02 subd. 3 is amended. Currently Minnesota Statutes state the penalties for a misdemeanor as “not more than 90 days or a fine of not more than \$1,000, or both”, in Minnesota Statute §

609.02. If the legislature amends said penalties, the penalties contained in said statutory amendment shall control  
(Ord. 70-01, Sec. 3, 1/8/70; O-11-02, Sec.3, 3/7/11)

501.004. **REPEAL.** Ordinance No. 69-01, bearing the same title as this Ordinance, and passed by the Village Council on January 7, 1969, is hereby repealed.  
(Ord. 70-01, Sec. 4, 1/8/70)