

**CODE OF ORDINANCES
CITY OF CORUNNA, MICHIGAN
Chapter 74 TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

ARTICLE IV. SNOWMOBILES

Sec. 74-131. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Highway or street means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

Operate means to ride in or on and to control the operation of a snowmobile.

Operator means any person who operates or is in actual physical control of a snowmobile.

Owner means any person, other than a lienholder, having the property in or title to a snowmobile entitled to the use or possession of the snowmobile.

Roadway means that portion of a highway or street improved, designated or ordinarily used for vehicular travel.

Snowmobile means any motorized vehicle designed for travel primarily on snow or ice steered by wheels, skis or runners.

(Code 1979, § 10.41)

Cross references: Definitions generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 74-132. Operation without state registration restricted to private land.

No person shall operate a snowmobile in the city, except on property owned exclusively by the owner or operator of the snowmobile, unless the snowmobile is duly registered with the state.

(Code 1979, § 10.42)

Sec. 74-133. Operation on city streets.

In addition to compliance with Act No. 74 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1968 (MCL 257.1501 et seq., MSA 9.3200(1) et seq.), as amended, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile other than for ingress or egress only in the city:

- (1) In a careless or negligent manner likely to endanger any person or property.
- (2) To fail to come to a complete stop at all intersections.
- (3) To fail to yield the right-of-way to all vehicular traffic and pedestrians.
- (4) To fail to obey all traffic signals, signs, devices and all other applicable traffic rules and regulations.
- (5) To cross a street, except at an intersection, and then only after coming to a complete stop.

(6) For the owner or operator of any snowmobile to allow such machine to be or remain unattended on public property, streets or roadways while the motor is running, or with the keys to start it in the ignition switch.

(7) For any snowmobile to be operating on the following streets or roadways, except to cross such streets at intersections, only: Corunna Avenue, Comstock Street, between King and East McNeil; Norton Street; Shiawassee Street, from McNeil to Mack; State Street; and McArthur Street, from Norton to Kingsley.

(8) To fail to travel as close to right edge of plowed area of the street as practical.

(Code 1979, § 10.43)

Sec. 74-134. Operation on land of others, schoolgrounds; consent required.

No person shall operate a snowmobile in the city on land of others, without first having secured written consent to operate thereon; and, in this connection, land of others shall include the area of the street between the sidewalk and the curb in front of land of others; and no person shall operate a snowmobile on any city sidewalk or in McCurdy Park or in the cemetery, and no person shall operate a snowmobile on any schoolhouse lawn, walkway or playground unless the person shall have written permission therefor from the school authorities.

(Code 1979, § 10.44)

Sec. 74-135. Lights and brakes.

No snowmobile shall be operated in the city unless it has at least one headlight, one taillight, and adequate brakes capable of producing deceleration at 14 feet per second on level ground at a speed of 20 miles per hour.

(Code 1979, § 10.45)

Sec. 74-136. Operating restrictions.

No person shall operate a snowmobile:

(1) At a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having due regard for conditions then existing, and in no event in excess of ten miles per hour.

(2) While under the influence of intoxicating liquor, narcotic drugs, barbitol or any derivative of barbitol.

(3) During the hours from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise without displaying a lighted headlight and lighted taillight.

(4) In any park, cemetery or other public ground without first securing written permission from the city manager.

(5) Unless it is equipped with a muffler in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise and annoying smoke.

(6) Without having on his person a valid motor vehicle operator's license, or unless accompanied by a licensed driver who is actually occupying a seat in the same vehicle.

(7) With more than one passenger on the same snowmobile.

(Code 1979, § 10.46)

Sec. 74-137. Notice of accident.

The operator of a snowmobile involved in an accident resulting in injuries to or death of any person, or any property damage in an estimated amount of \$25.00 or more, or some person acting for him, or the owner of the snowmobile having knowledge of the accident, shall immediately by the quickest means of communication notify the police of the city.

(Code 1979, § 10.47)

Sec. 74-138. Damage to property; snowmobile owner's liability.

(a) The owner of a snowmobile may be held jointly and severally liable to a property owner for three times the amount of the actual damage to trees, shrubs, landscaping, growing crops or personal property occurring on private property and caused by the snowmobile, where the snowmobile was operated without the consent of the property owner or his agent.

(b) The owner of a snowmobile may be held jointly and severally liable with the driver of the snowmobile for all damages arising out of the negligent or improper operation of his snowmobile.

(c) For the purposes of this section, any snowmobile operated within the city shall be presumed to be operated with the consent of the owner.

(Code 1979, § 10.48)

Sec. 74-139. Authority of police to impound.

Members of the police department are hereby authorized to remove a snowmobile from a street or roadway to the nearest garage or other place of safety, or to a garage designated or maintained by the police department, or otherwise maintained by the city under the same circumstances as enumerated in section 2.5 of the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships and Villages which has been adopted as the traffic code of the city in article II of this chapter.

(Code 1979, § 10.49)

Sec. 74-140. Notice to owner of impounded snowmobile.

(a) Whenever an officer removes a snowmobile from a street or roadway as authorized in this article, and the officer knows or is able to ascertain the name and address of the owner of the snowmobile, such officer shall immediately give or cause to be given notice in writing to the owner of the fact of such removal, and the reasons therefor, and of the place to which the snowmobile has been removed.

(b) The snowmobile will not be released by the police department until the ownership of the snowmobile is proven and any costs of towing, transportation, storage, etc., have been paid.

(Code 1979, § 10.50)

Secs. 74-141--74-165. Reserved.