

ORDINANCE NO. 504-08

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 24, ARTICLE VI, SECTIONS 24-130, 24-138, AND 24-154.

THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE ORDAINS:

That CHAPTER 24, ARTICLE VI: SECTIONS 24-130, 24-138, AND 24-154 be amended to read as follows:

Section 1.

Sec. 24_130. Speed.

- (a) No person shall operate a snowmobile at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to persons and property and conditions then existing.
- (b) No person shall operate a snowmobile at a rate of speed in excess of 20 miles per hour nor in excess of any lower posted speed that is posted as allowed upon any city streets, alleys, or rights_of_way, that have been designated by resolution of the city commission as being opened for such use.

Sec. 24_138. Operation by certain minors.

- (a) A parent or legal guardian shall not permit their child who is under the age of twelve (12) to operate a snowmobile without the direct supervision of an adult except on land owned or under the control of the parent or legal guardian.
- (b) A person who is at least twelve (12) but less than sixteen (16) years of age may operate a snowmobile if:
 - (1) Such person is under the direct supervision of a person who is eighteen (18) years of age or older; or
 - (2) Such person has in such person's immediate possession a snowmobile safety certificate issued pursuant to state law; or
 - (3) Such person is on land owned or under the control of their parent or legal guardian.A person who is operating a snowmobile pursuant to subsection (2) shall present the snowmobile safety certificate to any peace officer upon demand.
- (c) Notwithstanding other provisions of this article, an operator who is under twelve (12) years of age shall not operate upon or cross a highway or street. An operator who is at least twelve (12) years of age but less than sixteen (16) years of age may cross a highway or street only if such operator has a valid snowmobile safety certificate in such operator's immediate possession.
- (d) All operators of snowmobiles on public right of ways, streets, or alleys that have been authorized by resolution of the City Commission as open for snowmobile use shall be over the age of 16 years, or if they are less than 16 years of age and at least 12 years of age they must be under the direct supervision of a person over the age of 18 years.
- (e) All operators of snowmobiles on public right of ways, streets, or alleys that have been authorized by resolution of the City Commission as open for snowmobile use who

are under the age of 18 years shall carry and possess a valid State of Michigan or other State issued safety training certificate at all times. Upon the request of any law enforcement personnel the operator shall display for examination the certificate.

Sec. 24_154. Operation on public rights_of_way.

(a) Unless specifically authorized by resolution of the city commission, no person shall operate a snowmobile on any street, alley, or right_of_way.

(b) When a street, alley, or right_of_way has been authorized for snowmobile use by resolution of the City Commission snowmobile operation on such authorized public right of ways shall comply with the following:

1. Operation is restricted to only the far right hand portion of the authorized public right of way that has been plowed.
2. Operation is prohibited on any unplowed portion of the authorized public right of way including but not limited to any snow banks, sidewalks, or bicycle paths.
3. The operator shall cause the snowmobile come to a complete stop at each and every intersection with such authorized public right of way even if the intersection is not posted for a required stop.
4. The operator shall hand signal all turns and stops.
5. The operator shall not pass any vehicle which is ahead and moving in the same direction as the snowmobile upon the right of way.
6. The operator shall not tow any passengers with the snowmobile unless the passengers are contained in a commercially manufactured trailer designed for the conveyance of passengers and such trailer is affixed to the snowmobile by a ball or pin hitch attached to a rigid tow bar.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect ten days after its adoption and publication.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Commission of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on the 2nd day of September, 2008.

ANTHONY G. BOSBOUS, MAYOR

ROBIN R. TROYER, CITY CLERK

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was published in the Evening News, a newspaper printed and circulated in the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on Monday, September 16, 2008.

ROBIN R. TROYER, CITY CLERK