

Chapter 258
SNOWMOBILES

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Coleman 9-6-1983 as Title 8, Ch. 3 of the 1983 Code. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Parks and recreation areas — See Ch. 216.

Vehicles and traffic — See Ch. 290.

§ 258-1. Statutory provisions adopted by reference. [Amended 1-6-1997]

- A. State snowmobile laws adopted. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, the statutory provisions described in and defining regulations with respect to snowmobiles in the following enumerated sections of the Wisconsin Statutes are hereby adopted by reference and made part of this section as if fully set forth herein. Acts required to be performed or prohibited by such statutes are required or prohibited by this section:

350.01	Definitions
350.02	Operation of snowmobiles on or in vicinity of highway
350.03	Right of way
350.04	Snowmobile races, derbies, and routes
50.045	Public utility exemption
350.047	Local ordinance to be filed
350.05	Operation by youthful operators restricted
350.055	Safety certification program established
167.31	Firearms and bows
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350.10	Miscellaneous provisions for snowmobile operation

350.101	Intoxicated snowmobiling
350.102	Preliminary breath screening test
350.1025	Application of intoxicated snowmobiling
350.103	Implied consent
350.104(1)	Chemical tests
350.104(5)	Refusal
350.11	Penalties
350.12	Registration of snowmobiles
350.12(3)	Applications, issuance, renewals, fees
350.125	Completion of application for registration by snowmobile dealers
350.13	Uniform trail signs and standards
350.135	Interference with uniform trail signs and standards prohibited
350.15	Accidents and accident reports
350.17	Enforcement
350.18	Local ordinance
350.19	Liability of landowners

- B. Applicability of rules of the road to snowmobiles. The operator of a snowmobile upon a roadway shall, in addition to the provisions of Chapter 350, Wis. Stats., be subject to §§ 346.04, 346.06, 346.11, 346.14(1), 346.18, 346.19, 346.20, 346.21, 346.26, 346.27, 346.33, 346.25, 346.37, 346.39, 346.40, 346.44, 346.46, 348.47, 346.48, 346.50(1)(b), 346.51, 346.52, 345.53, 348.54, 346.55, 346.87, 346.88, 346.89, 346.90, 346.91, 346.92(1) and 346.94(1) and (9), Wis. Stats.
- C. Permitting operation by improper persons prohibited. No owner or person having charge or control of a snowmobile shall authorize or permit any person to operate such snowmobile who is not permitted under state law or who is under the influence of an intoxicant or a dangerous or narcotic drug.
- D. Operation while under influence prohibited. Section 346.63, Wis. Stats., shall apply to the operation of a snowmobile any place within the village.
- E. Written consent of owner required. The consent required under § 350.10(f), (k), (l) and (m), Wis. Stats., shall be written consent dated and limited to the year in which the consent is given. If the property is owned or leased by more than one person, the consent of each must be obtained.

§ 258-2. Speed.

No person shall operate a snowmobile upon any public right-of-way or highway within the Village of Coleman at a speed in excess of that permitted or posted for other motor vehicles or in any public park or area at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour.

§ 258-3. Hours of operation.

No person shall operate a snowmobile within the Village of Coleman between the hours of 1:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., except in cases of emergency.

§ 258-4. Unattended vehicles.

No person shall leave or allow a snowmobile owned or operated by him to remain unattended on any public highway or public property while the motor is running or with the starting key left in the ignition.

§ 258-5. Operation on sidewalks.

No person shall operate a snowmobile on any sidewalk, or pedestrianway, within the Village of Coleman.

§ 258-6. Operation on private premises.

No person shall operate a snowmobile on any private property not owned or controlled by him within the Village of Coleman without the express consent or permission of the owner.

§ 258-7. Accidents and accident reports.

- A. If he can do so without serious danger to his own snowmobile or to persons on board, the operator of a snowmobile involved in a snowmobile accident within the Village of Coleman shall stop his snowmobile and shall render to other persons affected thereby such assistance as may be practicable and necessary to save them from or minimize any danger caused by the accident and shall give his name and address and identification of his snowmobile to any person injured and to the owner of any property damaged in the accident.
- B. If the snowmobile accident results in death or injury to any person or total property damage in excess of \$200, every operator of a snowmobile involved in such accident shall, as soon as possible, notify the Village Police Department of the accident and shall, within 10 days after the accident, file a written report thereof with the Department on forms prescribed by it.
- C. If the operator of a snowmobile is physically incapable of making the report required by this section and there was another occupant in the snowmobile at the time of the accident capable of making the report, he shall make such report.

- D. "Snowmobile accident" means a collision, accident or other casualty involving a snowmobile.

§ 258-8. Violations and penalties.¹

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to the applicable penalties as provided by the Wisconsin Statutes.

§ 258-9. Permitted areas. [Amended 11-2-1992]

- A. Snowmobiles may be operated and/or driven in areas specially designated and under the control of the Village Board when appropriate signs have been erected by the Board or its designee, said signs giving notice that snowmobiles may be operated in this area. The Village Board shall have the authority to designate the appropriate signs to be utilized to mark the opening and temporary closure of any trails located within the village limits.
- (1) County Highway B from Sunset Avenue to US Highway 141 is hereby designated as a snowmobile route. Limitations of § 350.04(2), Wis. Stats., are in effect as are all other laws governing snowmobiling. [Added 12-6-1999]
 - (2) West 16th Road between North 17th Road and US Highway 141 is hereby designated as a snowmobile route with special speed limitations. Snowmobiles shall not exceed speeds of 20 miles per hour. Limitations of § 350.04(2), Wis. Stats., are in effect as are all other laws governing snowmobiling. [Added 12-6-1999]
- B. Snowmobiles may only be operated upon designated snowmobile routes within the Village of Coleman during the dates designated by the Department of Natural Resources pursuant to Chapter 350, Wis. Stats., and Chapter NR 50, Wis. Adm. Code and may be further restricted during this time by the Village Board or its designee (to include the Chief of Police) when spring thawing conditions are not conducive to snowmobile traffic. In this event the Chief of Police shall erect temporary "trail closed" signs which will remain in effect for the remainder of the snowmobiling season or until the weather conditions again permit snowmobiling without causing damage to the trails, during which time the temporary signs may be removed by the village. Whenever the temporary signs are erected there shall be no snowmobiling upon these trails, and any person violating this section may be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$200 and may be assessed any actual damages caused to the snowmobile trail by violation of this section.²

§ 258-10. Operation on streets.

No snowmobile shall be operated on any village street or alley within the village limits of the Village of Coleman, except to drive directly across a street, at a right angle, and then only after stopping and yielding the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the highway.

¹ Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I).

² Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I).

§ 258-11. Equipment; lights.

No snowmobile shall be operated within the village limits of the Village of Coleman unless the same shall be in proper working order and fully equipped with a functioning muffler, operating headlight and taillight. Any snowmobile operating during hours of darkness shall display lighted headlight and taillight.