

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 10, 2018

**DISCUSSION** 

**AGENDA ITEM**: Snowmobile Ordinance

SUBMITTED BY: Kristina Handt, City Administrator

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Council discussed changes to the snowmobile ordinance at the April 10<sup>th</sup> work session. Numerous changes were discussed so staff was directed to work on it and bring it back to a future meeting.

## **ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:**

Should the City Council amend the snowmobile ordinance? If so, how?

## **PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS:**

Included in your packet is a redlined snowmobile ordinance to show the proposed changes. Also included in your packet is a map of the snowmobile trails in the area to use as a point of reference when discussing section (D) related to trail riding.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Lake Elmo Code amendments
- Star Snowmobile Trail Map

# Lake Elmo, MN Code of Ordinances

# CHAPTER 70: SNOWMOBILES AND ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES

## Section

70.01 Incorporation by reference

70.02 Regulations

# § 70.01 INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.

Provisions of M.S. Ch. 84, as amended from time to time, shall be applicable to the City of Lake Elmo. In those cases where there is a conflict between the provisions of M.S. Ch. 84 and this chapter, the more restrictive regulation shall apply.

(Ord. 97-164, passed 12-20-2006)

# § 70.02 REGULATIONS.

- (A) No person shall operate a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle on a public sidewalk or within the unimproved portion of a city street, or upon any public park or playground.
- (B) No person shall operate a snowmobile on city streets except for when traveling in the most right-hand lane available for automobile traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway and when traveling in the same direction as automobile traffic in that lane.
- (C) No person shall operate a snowmobile in the ditch except in the ditch bottom or outside slope of any drainage ditch which lies within and runs parallel to any city-controlled public road easement. Motorized recreational vehicles may not be operated on any boulevard area where an identifiable ditch is not present.
- (D) No person shall ride a snowmobile in the right of way as a substitute for trail riding. Travel in the right of way shall be used to reach a destination such a trail, public body of water, public gathering place, residence, etc.
- <u>(E)</u>No person shall operate a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle on city-owned property.
- (<u>FC</u>) No person shall operate a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle between the hours of <u>11:00 p.m.midnight</u> and 7:00 a.m. provided that all-terrain vehicles may be used for snow plowing purposes during prohibited hours.
- (<u>DG</u>) No person shall operate a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle within <u>50-10</u> feet of a residential dwelling unless such operation occurs on property owned or occupied

by the operator of the snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle and such operation is for the purpose of accessing a public right-of-way from private property.

(<u>H</u>E) No person shall operate a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle within 100 feet of any fisherman, pedestrian, skating rink, or sliding area.

(Ord. 97-164, passed 12-20-2006) Penalty, see § 10.99

