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7-7-1 Definitions

For the purpose of this Article, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated herein, unless the context otherwise clearly requires that another meaning be intended:

- (A) **PERSON** means an individual, partnership, association, corporation and any other body or group of persons, whether incorporated or not, and regardless of the degree of formal organization.
- (B) **SNOWMOBILE** means any self-propelled, track-driven vehicle designed primarily for travel on snow, ice or natural terrain, steered by skis or runners, and which is registered by the State of Colorado, or other State whose registration is honored by the State of Colorado, or which is required by law to be so registered.
- (C) **OWNER** means a person as defined herein, other than a lienholder or other person having a security interest only, holding record of title to a snowmobile, and entitled to the use or possession thereof.
- (D) **OPERATOR** means any person who operates or is in actual physical control of the operation of a snowmobile.
- (E) **ROADWAY** means the street and alleys within the Town of Grand Lake ordinarily used for the travel or parking of motor vehicles.

7-7-2 Effect of Regulations, Unlawful Operation

It is a violation of this Article for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required in this Article. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any snowmobile in any one or more of the following manners:

- (A) At a rate of speed greater than the posted speed limit for motor vehicles.
- (B) In a careless or reckless manner so as to endanger the person or property of another, or to cause injury or damage to either.
- (C) Without a headlight and taillight which shall be lighted at all times while operating a snowmobile on a Town roadway.
- (D) Operating a snowmobile or permitting such operation, by any person who by reason of physical or mental disability is incapable of operating the snowmobile as required for safety under the prevailing circumstances.



- (E) On private property without the prior consent of the property owner.
- (F) Operating a snowmobile upon the Town roadway without physical possession of either a current and valid motor vehicle license, or a current and valid snowmobile safety certificate.
- (G) Operating a snowmobile on the streets of the Town of Grand Lake which has a non-stock muffler or no muffler or a muffler which is not in good working order or which fails to prevent excessive or unusual noise or annoying smoke.
- (H) By the parent of any child and the guardian of any ward authorizing or knowingly permit any such child or ward to violate any of the provisions of this Article.
- (I) .Between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., snowmobiles may not be operated within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Grand Lake. The only exceptions will be snowmobiles involved in emergency situations, search and rescue operations, grooming of snowmobile trails within Town, or one entry and one exit to or from the Town. Upon entry, the operator must proceed on a direct route to his or her destination.
- (J) Operating a snowmobile by any person under the age of ten (10) years. Operating a snowmobile by any person who has attained their 10th birthday but prior to their 16th birthday who is not under the direct supervision of an adult (18 years or older). Direct supervision of an adult shall be defined as within direct sight, not to exceed 200 feet, of the underage operator.
- (K) Towing a person behind a snowmobile, or towing any item except with a rigid towing device.

7-7-3 Registration and Safety Equipment

The owner of a snowmobile shall register such vehicle in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of the State of Colorado, and shall further comply with all provisions of applicable Federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning snowmobile safety equipment.

7-7-4 Operations and Use of Roadways

- (A) The Town roadways shall be used solely as a method of transportation and not for recreation. Snowmobile operators shall comply with all provisions of the Model Traffic Code adopted by the Town of Grand Lake, except as specifically modified or superseded by the terms of this Article. The Town Board of Trustees may allow the closure of streets for special events upon approval of a special use permit and the payment of appropriate fees and bonds. The manner and amount of said fees and bonds shall be adopted by the Board by resolution. The Board of Trustees may restrict or prohibit the use of streets by snowmobiles upon adoption of a resolution so stating. The Board of Trustees may limit the use of snowmobiles to designated routes upon adoption of a resolution so stating.



- (B) Snowmobile operators shall yield the right of way to all other street traffic, including motor vehicles backing out of parking spaces on Town roadways.
- (C) Every person operating a snowmobile upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right hand side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction. Persons riding a snowmobile upon a roadway shall not ride more than single file.
- (D) Before crossing U.S. Highway 34, Tunnel Road, or Grand Avenue snowmobile operators shall come to a complete stop before entering upon any part of the road, and the operator shall yield the right of way to all oncoming traffic.
- (E) The operator of a snowmobile emerging from an alley, driveway, or building shall upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area yield the right of way to all pedestrians approaching on said sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on said roadway.
- (F) Snowmobiles shall not be operated on sidewalks, in public parks, or any area posted as prohibited.
- (G) .No person riding upon any snowmobile shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon the street or roadway.
- (H) No person shall park a snowmobile upon a street other than upon the roadway against the curb or walkway in such a manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian and or vehicular traffic.
- (I) In the event the Town issues a special use permit for use of Town property near Grand Lake, such permit shall include a condition that all snowmobiles operated under such permit or as a result of its issuance shall utilize environmentally safe lubricants.

7-7-5 Penalties

Any violation of this Article shall constitute a criminal offense and shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$300.00 and/or a jail sentence of up to 90 days.

7-7-6 Citizen Courtesy Patrol

There is hereby authorized a snowmobile citizen courtesy patrol to be created, appointed and operated pursuant to guidelines of the Grand County Sheriff's Department and subject to the approval of the Grand Lake Board of Trustees.

7-7-7 Code Enforcement Officer

The mayor is authorized to appoint, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, a Code Enforcement Officer for the purpose of enforcing the Town's snowmobile regulations. Such enforcement officer shall coordinate his/her efforts with the Grand County Sheriff's Office and shall have the authority to issue municipal ordinance violation citations and to perform such other duties as directed from time to time by the Board of Trustees.