

Chapter 124

SNOWMOBILES

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Camden 2-7-1977 as Ch. 61 of the 1977 Code. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Noise — See Ch. 99.

Forest Park regulations — See Ch. 105, Art. I.

Peace and good order — See Ch. 108.

Vehicles and traffic — See Ch. 140.

§ 124-1. Title.

This chapter shall be known as and may be cited as the "Snowmobile Law of the Village of Camden."

§ 124-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to protect the public health, welfare and safety by regulating the operation of snowmobiles on public highways and places in the Village of Camden in a manner which will be compatible with the use of such highways and places for vehicular and pedestrian travel and other uses, and which will promote the safe and proper use of snowmobiles for recreation and commerce and minimize detrimental effects of such use on the environment.

§ 124-3. Definitions.

The terms, words and phrases used in this chapter shall have the same meaning as such terms, words and phrases are defined in § 21.05 of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law.

§ 124-4. Operation on streets and highways.

The operation of snowmobiles on highways and public ways of the Village of Camden shall be subject to the applicable provisions of Articles 21 through 27 of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law, the rules and regulations of the Office of Parks and Recreation and the rules, restrictions and conditions set forth in this chapter.

- A. Shoulders and inside banks. Only the following streets or highways or portions thereof of the Village are hereby designated for the purpose of operation of snowmobiles on the shoulders and inside banks thereof as authorized by § 25.05 of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law: all Village streets not including county or state highways. [Amended 2-4-1997 by L.L. No. 2-1997; 11-20-2007 by L.L. No. 1-2007]
- B. Unplowed highways. Some of the Village roadways in Forest Park are unplowed. Nevertheless, snowmobiles are hereby prohibited from Forest Park, with the limited exception of ingress as is necessary to reach the Fish Creek West Branch footbridge onto the existing snowmobile trail. [Amended 11-20-2007 by L.L. No. 1-2007; 12-15-2015 by L.L. No. 2-2015]
- C. Access areas. It is hereby determined that it is otherwise impossible for snowmobiles to gain access to areas or trails adjacent to the highway, and that for the purpose only of gaining access to and from areas of operation, snowmobiles may be operated on the following highway:
 - (1) On State Highway Route 69 from the west side of Mad River Bridge to the Old State Road south of Camden Bowling Center for a distance of 600 feet.
- D. Emergencies. In an emergency, for the purpose of emergency travel only, the Mayor may declare and permit snowmobiles to operate pursuant to Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law § 25.05, Subdivision 2, when, and at which locations where, snow upon the highways renders travel by motor vehicles impractical.

§ 124-5. Restrictions and conditions on snowmobile operations.

Pursuant to Subdivision 1(d) of § 25.09 of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law, the following conditions and restrictions shall be applicable to all snowmobile operations in this Village:

- A. Public or private lands. No snowmobile shall be operated on any lands owned or occupied by a governmental agency or privately owned, except with the permission of any such owner or occupant.
- B. Play areas. No snowmobile shall be operated on a highway or road designated as a play area or in an area designated or used as a public park, golf course or otherwise, except as hereinafter authorized as follows along designated trails in the Village of Camden.
- C. Sidewalks. It shall be unlawful to operate a snowmobile upon a public sidewalk or walkway.
- D. School areas. No snowmobile shall be operated within 200 feet of any property occupied and used as a school between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. except during school vacation periods, and except during weekends and holidays.
- E. Speed limit. It shall be unlawful to operate a snowmobile on any Village highway described herein or on any portion thereof at a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under surrounding circumstances; provided, however, that at no time shall the speed of a snowmobile within the Village exceed 15 miles per hour.

- F. Prohibited operating hours. It shall be unlawful to operate snowmobiles on any Village highway described herein or on any portion thereof between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 7:00 a.m., except that on Friday and Saturday the prohibited hours shall be between 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- G. Unnecessary noise. It shall be unlawful to operate a snowmobile, except at special events sanctioned and approved by the Office of Parks and Recreation, in any manner which creates loud, unnecessary or unusual noise so as to disturb or interfere with the peace and quiet of other persons or in any other manner which constitutes a public nuisance or annoys, injures or endangers the health, safety, comfort or repose of the public. No person shall use a muffler cutout, bypass or any other device to defeat the operation of a muffler in good working condition.¹
- H. Restriction on operation in Village. Notwithstanding any foregoing provisions any permission herein granting the right to operate snowmobiles along the roadways, inside banks or highways or any other area within the jurisdiction of the Village of Camden is subject to the conditions that travel in such areas is permitted for the sole purpose of gaining access to recreation areas outside the Village. [Amended 11-20-2007 by L.L. No. 1-2007]

§ 124-6. Penalties for offenses.

- A. Unless otherwise specifically provided, any person who violates any provision of this chapter, or of any rule, regulation or order adopted pursuant thereto, shall be guilty of a:
 - (1) Traffic infraction, if such provision, rule, regulation or order is one which regulates traffic as specified in § 155 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law but does not relate to snowmobiles.
 - (2) Violation, for any other offense.
- B. A traffic infraction shall be punishable as provided in § 1800, Subdivision (b), of the Vehicle and Traffic Law in the same manner as if the offense were a violation of the Vehicle and Traffic Law. A violation shall be punishable as provided in the Penal Law, except that the maximum fine may not exceed \$100.

1. Editor's Note: See also § 108-1, Operating motor vehicles, in Ch. 108, Peace and Good Order.