

CHAPTER 5

TRAFFIC

ARTICLE 7. SNOWMOBILES

5-701 SNOWMOBILES; EQUIPMENT. Every snowmobile operated within the Municipality shall be registered with the State of Nebraska as required by law. No snowmobile shall be operated upon a public street or highway unless it is equipped with at least one (1) head lamp, one (1) tail lamp, reflector material of a minimum area of sixteen (16) square inches mounted on each side forward of the handlebars and with brakes as prescribed by the Director of Motor Vehicles.

All laws applying to the operation of other motor vehicles shall apply to snowmobiles except those relating to required equipment and those which by their nature have no application. (Ref. 60-663, 60-6,321, 60-6,335 RS Neb.)

5-702 SNOWMOBILES; UNLAWFUL ACTS. It shall be deemed a misdemeanor for any person to allow a snowmobile either owned or operated by him to be operated:

1. Within the congested area of the Municipality unless weather conditions are such that it provides the only practicable method of safe vehicular travel or said snowmobile is engaged in responding to an emergency;
2. At a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under the surrounding circumstances;
3. In a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger person or property;
4. Without a lighted headlight and tail light when such would be required by conditions;
5. In any tree nursery or planting in a manner which damages or destroys growing stock; and
6. Upon any private lands without first having obtained permission of the owner, lessee or operator of such lands.

(Ref. 60-6,337, 60-6,344 RS Neb.)

5-703 SNOWMOBILES; PUBLIC LANDS. Snowmobiles shall be prohibited from operation on the public lands owned by the Municipality except where allowed by resolution of the Governing Body. (Ref. 60-6,338 RS Neb.)

5-704 SNOWMOBILES; REGULATIONS. A snowmobile may make a direct crossing of a street at any hour of the day if:

1. Crossing is made at an angle of approximately ninety (90) degrees to the direction of the street and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing;

2. The snowmobile is brought to a complete stop before crossing the main traveled way of the street;
3. The driver yields the right-of-way to all on-coming traffic which constitutes an immediate hazard; and
4. If said crossing is made between the hours of one-half (1/2) hour after sunset and one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise under the circumstances set forth in Section 5-705 below or during conditions of reduced visibility, said snowmobile shall be equipped with at least one (1) tail lamp and both front and rear lights shall be on.

5-705 SNOWMOBILES; EMERGENCY OPERATION. A snowmobile may be operated upon a public street or Highway other than as provided herein in an emergency during a period of time when and at locations where snow upon the roadway renders travel by automobile impractical.