

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF SNOWMOBILES  
IN THE TOWN OF CANAAN  
(Pursuant to 24 VSA Ch. 59) Revised 09/23/86**

Be it Ordained by the Board of Selectmen:

**Sec. 101 Operation**

- A. Subject to all motor vehicle laws and regulations, both State and Local, and in accordance with 31 VSA Ch. 17 Sec. 806: snowmobiles may be operated on the following town highways.
- (1) Town Highway #8 Judd Road from its intersection of VT Route to the end.
  - (2) Town Highway #9 Hall Stream Road
  - (3) Town Highway #12 and #15 Canaan Hill Road
  - (4) Town Highway #17 Kemp Hill Road
  - (5) Town Highway #20 Todd Hill Road
  - (6) Town Highway #26 and #27 Holmes Street
  - (7) Town Highway #25 Clark Street in Beecher Falls
  - (8) Town Highway #28 Cook Street
  - (9) Town Highway #34 Ethan Allen Drive
  - (10) Town Highway #1 River Road – from the intersection of Clark Street to the intersection of Hall Stream Road
  - (11) On all Class IV highways not maintained for year round travel by motor vehicles.
- B. Subject to a 5 mile per hour limit, snowmobiles may be operated on the sidewalks from the West Stewartstown-Canaan bridge to Frechette's store property to gain access to the driveway leading to the snowmobile trail.

**Sec. 102 Non-Operation**

- A. All Town Highways and Streets, including those not listed under Sec. 101-A and B are closed to snowmobiles, except:
- (1) Residents living on a closed street are authorized to travel said street with snowmobiles to and from their place of residence in an orderly fashion subject to a 5 M.P.H. speed limit and any existing motor vehicle regulation.
- B. Fletcher Park and Beecher Falls Park are closed to snowmobiles.
- C. All school property except the designated trail across the "Ball Field" is closed to snowmobile operations unless duly authorized by the School Board on specific occasions.

**Sec. 102 Enforcement**

- A. An enforcement Officer may arrest, without warrant, in any part of the Town of Canaan, any person violating any part of this ordinance.
- B. Violations will be written through the use of the "uniform traffic ticket" and so marked "village ordinance".
- D. Fees collected from violations of this ordinance shall be paid to the General Account of the Town of Canaan.

Sec. 105 Definitions for the purpose of this Ordinance

- A. Enforcement Officer means: State Police, Police Officer, State Game Warden, Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, or Constable.
- B. Operate includes an attempt to operate, and shall be construed to cover all matters and things connected with the presence and use of snow-mobiles whether they be at motion or rest.
- C. Snowmobiles means a motor-driven vehicle designed to travel over ice or snow in whole or in part by skis, belts, or cleats.

Sec. 106 Organized Races

- A. Snowmobile races will not be allowed without permission from the Board of Selectmen, subject to the following conditions:  
Sponsoring party shall provide:
  - (1) Law enforcement officers sufficient to insure a smooth flow of traffic, and prevent any civil disturbance, on duty two hours before and one hour after the event.
  - (2) Adequate parking must be provided off the traveled portion of the highway.
  - (3) Adequate toilets provided for the convenience of the patrons.
  - (4) A location away from residences to avoid sound and smoke pollution.

Sec. 107 Effective Date

This revised ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 1986.

/s/ James A. Rice  
/s/ Gerard Riendeau  
/s/ Paul Jackson  
Board of Selectmen  
Town of Canaan, VT

ATTEST: /s/ Linda L. Hikel  
Town Clerk

Citizen's Rights: An Ordinance adopted by a municipality may be disapproved by a majority of the qualified voters on the municipality voting on the question at an annual or special meeting warned for that purpose.

A petition for a vote must be signed by 5% of the voters and presented to the Selectmen or Town Clerk within 44 days following the date of adoption.

Anyone with any questions about the Ordinance may call any of the three Selectmen at 266-3006, 277-8685, or 266-7794.

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