

# VILLAGE OF CULLOM ORDINANCES

## CHAPTER 12

### SNOWMOBILES AND OTHER RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

**Section I: (Policy Statement)** This Ordinance is not to be relied upon as a determination that operation on Village streets is safe or advisable even if done in accordance with this Ordinance. All persons operating all recreational vehicles must be observant of, and attentive to the safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, other motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. All persons who operate or ride any recreational vehicles on Village streets do so at their own risk and peril. All person who operates any recreational vehicle takes full responsibility for all liability associated with operating such vehicle. The Village of Cullom has no liability under any theory of liability for permitting such vehicles to be operated on Village streets.

**Section II: (Definitions)**

- a. **“Snowmobile”** a self-propelled vehicle designated for travel on snow or ice in a natural terrain steered by wheels, skis or runners;
- b. **“Operate”** to control the operation of a snowmobile or other recreational vehicle;
- c. **“Operation”** a person who operates or is in natural control of the snowmobile or other recreational vehicle;
- d. **“Other recreational vehicles”** any other self-propelled vehicle such as those commonly known as four-wheeler, gator, scooter or golf cart.

**Section III: (Regulations)** It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile or other recreational vehicle under the following circumstances:

- a. on private property of another without the express permission to do so by the owner or occupant of that property;

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- b. on public school grounds, Village park property, playgrounds, recreational areas without express provision or permission to do by the proper public authority;
- c. in a manner so as to create a loud, unnecessary or unusual noise so as to disturb or interfere with the peace and quiet of other person;
- d. in a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the safety of any person or the property of any other person;
- e. without having such vehicle registered as provided by statute, except that this provision shall not apply to operation of the vehicle on private property of the owner by the owner or a member of his immediate family;
- f. within the right-of-way of any public street within the Village, unless operator shall have a valid driver's license, or is accompanied by a licensed driver who is actually occupying a seat in or on the vehicle
- g. the operation of a snowmobile or other recreational vehicle shall not be after 10:00 PM

**Section IV: (*Exceptions to Regulations*)** Notwithstanding the prohibitions of this ordinance, the President of the Village of Cullom shall have authority to supervise and regulate events or programs in connection with the events in which snowmobiles or other recreational vehicles are used. The President of the Village of Cullom shall have the authority to designate snowmobile and other recreational vehicle routes within the boundaries of the Village of Cullom and on property solely owned by the Village of Cullom, with the consent and approval of the Board of Trustees.

Prohibited at all times is the operation on any private property of another without the express permission to do so by the owner or occupant of that property, on public

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school grounds, park property, playgrounds, recreational areas or Village street, street right-of-way or alley are:

- a. any unlicensed motorcycle, commonly known as 'dirt bike' and 'go-cart'.

**Section V: (*Equipment Required*)** All snowmobiles and other recreational vehicles within the Village shall have the following equipment:

- a. mufflers which are properly attached and which reduce the noise of operation of the vehicle to the minimum, notice necessary for operating the vehicle and no person shall use a muffler cutout, bypass or similar device on the vehicle;
- b. adequate brakes in good working condition and at least one headlight and one taillight;
- c. a safety or so-called '*dead-man*' throttle is defined as a device which when pressure is removed from the accelerator or throttle causes the motor to be disengaged from the driving track;
- d. these equipment requirements are in addition to those items of equipment required by other statutes or ordinances.

**Section VI: (*Unattended vehicle*)** It is unlawful for the owner or operator to leave or allow a snowmobile or other recreational vehicle to be or remain unattended on public property while the motor is running or with the keys for starting the vehicle left in the ignition.

**Section VII: (*Traffic Regulations*)** Each person operating snowmobiles and other recreational vehicles shall strictly observe all traffic signs and signals and all other traffic rules and regulations applicable thereto and shall obey the orders and directions of any police officer of the Village, County or State authorized to direct or regulate traffic.

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**Section VIII: (*Snowmobile and Other Recreational Vehicle Routes*)** The following are allowable within the Village of Cullom:

All streets except Hack Street between Maple Street and Oak Street

**Section VIX: (*Penalty*)** Local law enforcement shall have the right to stop any snowmobile or any recreational vehicle at any time to verify compliance with state law requirements and any other requirements of this Ordinance. A violation of any provision of this Chapter shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars and not more than five thousand dollars for each offense and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.