

ORDINANCE #41

AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING THE OPERATION OF AND
REGULATION OF SNOWMOBILES WITHIN THE
CITY OF BETHEL

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BETHEL, ALASKA:

Section I. - Snowmobiles are herein defined as any motor-driven or self-propelled track vehicle used primarily as the carrier of persons.

Section II. - Registration and Penalties.

- (a) No resident of Bethel shall operate a snowmobile on or across any public road unless that vehicle is currently registered with the Bethel City Clerk.
- (b) A registration is valid for one year commencing October 1, of each year, the annual registration fee is fifty cents (\$.50).
- (c) Upon registration of a snow ^{mobile} ~~vehicle~~, the registrant shall be issued a registration certificate and a numbered decal containing the registration number of the vehicle. Once a snow ^{mobile} ~~vehicle~~ has been issued a number, it shall retain that number until the vehicle is destroyed, abandoned or permanently removed from the ~~area~~. Numbered registration decals shall be displayed on the right of the cowling of a snowmobile.
- (d) Any violation of this ordinance or of any section thereof is a misdemeanor under ~~AS 29.25.310~~ ^{AS 29.25.310}. In addition, the revocation of the driving privilege and/or the registration may be imposed for a period not to exceed 30 days.

Section III. Equipment Regulations.

- (a) Every snowmobile shall be equipped with lighting equipment including but not limited to one headlamp visible for 500 feet, and one tail lamp mounted on the rear of the vehicle which when lighted shall emit a light visible from a distance of 150 feet or more. Red glass reflectors or reflector tape are acceptable on rear of vehicle.
- (b) Every snowmobile when towing a sled shall be equipped with a rigid draw-bar or sufficiently strong tow-rope two ends of which shall attach to the sides of the sled front, and one end of which attaches to the snowmobile. Sled being towed shall not be more than 10 feet to the rear of the machine.
- (c) Every snowmobile shall have at least one rear view mirror attached in a usable position.
- (d) Every snowmobile shall at all times be equipped with a muffler in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive noise.

Section IV Traffic Regulations

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- (a) No person shall drive a snowmobile on a public street at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and with regard to the actual and potential hazard then existing. In every event speed to be controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle or other conveyance, ~~or~~ or entering the highway in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due care.
- (b) Except when a special hazard exists that requires lower speed for compliance with Paragraph a, of this section, the limits specified in this section ~~or~~ established, as here-in-after authorized, shall be maximum lawful speeds and no person shall drive in excess of such maximum limits.
 - 1. No snowmobile shall be driven at a greater speed than the posted speed in the streets of the City of Bethel and at no time in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour.
 - 2. When towing a sled, no snowmobile shall travel at a speed, greater than eight (8) miles per hour while on the streets of Bethel, (as fast as any man can, run).
- (c) Snowmobiles shall not trail or interfere with fire apparatus in any manner.
- (d) ~~Every~~ ^{No} snowmobile shall ~~not~~ pass any other moving motor vehicle travelling in the same direction, while on the streets of Bethel.
- (e) Every Snowmobile shall stop to enter or cross any street when approaching said street from outside the street system, and shall yield right-of-way to all pedestrians and vehicles.
- (f) No snowmobile shall pass a school bus while such bus is picking up or discharging passengers.
- (g) At any intersection where stop signs are erected the driver of any snowmobile shall come to a complete stop within 50 feet and not less than 15 feet from said intersection and shall proceed only upon exercising due care.
- (h) No Snowmobile shall travel on private property unless such travel is conducted with property owners consent.

Section V - Operator Regulations

- (a) No snowmobile shall be operated by a person under the age of 16 years on the public streets.
- (b) No operator shall run a snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol.
- (c) No snowmobile shall operate with more than 3 adults, or 2 adults and 2 children including the driver, at any time.
- (d) Operators shall use hand signals in compliance with Alaska Traffic Regulations ^{T.13} Sec. 104.76 when turning at a street corner or across traffic.
- (e) It is unlawful for a person to operate a snowmobile in a reckless manner or in a manner so as to endanger persons or property, as defined in Alaska State Statutes 28.35.040.

Section VI

~~by~~ ~~with~~ operating a snowmobile without owners consent.

- (a) A person who drives or tows away or takes a snowmobile not his own without the consent of its owner with intent to temporarily ~~to~~ deprive the owner thereof or a person who is a party or accessory to or an accomplice in the driving or unauthorized taking is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section VII This ordinance shall become effective immediately after passage and approval.