

Chapter 223

SNOWMOBILES

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Genoa City as Title 8, Ch. 3 of the 1984 Code. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 223-1. State snowmobile laws adopted.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, the statutory provisions describing and defining regulations with respect to snowmobiles in the following enumerated sections of the Wisconsin Statutes are hereby adopted by reference and made part of this chapter as if fully set forth herein. Acts required to be performed or prohibited by such statutes are required or prohibited by this chapter. Any future amendments, revisions or modifications of the statutes incorporated herein by reference are intended to be made part of this Code.

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§ 223-2. Applicability of traffic regulations to snowmobiles.

No person shall operate a snowmobile upon any street, highway or alley within the Village of Genoa City in violation of the traffic regulation provisions of §§ 346.04, 346.06, 346.11, 346.14(1), 346.18, 346.19, 346.20, 346.21, 346.26, 346.27, 346.33, 346.35, 346.37, 346.39, 346.40, 346.44, 346.46, 346.47, 346.48, 346.50(1)(b), 346.51, 346.52, 346.53, 346.54, 346.55, 346.87, 346.88, 346.89, 346.90, 346.91, 346.92(1), and 346.94(1) and (9), Wis. Stats.

§ 223-3. Speed limits.

No person shall operate a snowmobile upon any public right-of-way, street or highway within the Village of Genoa City at a speed in excess of that permitted or posted for other motor vehicles or in any public park or area at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour.

§ 223-4. Hours of operation.

No person shall operate a snowmobile upon any public highway, street, alley or other public property, in any public park, or upon any private premises open to the public for snowmobiling within the Village of Genoa City between the hours of 1:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., except in cases of emergency.

§ 223-5. Unattended vehicles.

No person shall leave or allow a snowmobile owned or operated by him to remain unattended on any public highway or public property while the motor is running or with the starting key left in the ignition.

§ 223-6. Operation on sidewalks.

No person shall operate a snowmobile upon any sidewalk, upon any boulevard or upon the area between the sidewalk and the curb-line of any street in the Village of Genoa City.

§ 223-7. Operation on private premises restricted.

No person shall operate a snowmobile on any private property not owned or controlled by him within the Village of Genoa City without the express consent or permission of the owner.

§ 223-8. Restrictions on operators.

- A.** No person under the age of 16 years shall operate any snowmobile upon any street, alley or other public right-of-way in the Village of Genoa City, and no snowmobile owner shall authorize any person under the age of 16 years to operate such snowmobile upon any street, alley or other public right-of-way in the Village of Genoa City.
- B.** No person shall operate any snowmobile upon any street, alley or other public right-of-way in the Village of Genoa City unless such person shall have a valid motor vehicle operator's license or unless such operator is accompanied by a person who has a valid motor vehicle operator's license and who is occupying a seat on the vehicle.

§ 223-9. Accidents and accident reports.

- A.** If he can do so without serious danger to his own snowmobile or to persons on board, the operator of a snowmobile involved in a snowmobile accident within the Village of Genoa City shall stop his snowmobile and shall render to other persons affected thereby such assistance as may be practicable and necessary to save them from or minimize any danger caused by the accident and shall give his name and address and identification of his snowmobile to any person injured and to the owner of any property damaged in the accident.
- B.** If the snowmobile accident results in death or injury to any person or total property damage in excess of \$200, every operator of a snowmobile involved in such accident shall, as soon as possible, notify the Village Police Department of the accident and shall, within 10 days after the accident, file a written report thereof with the Department on forms prescribed by it.
- C.** If the operator of a snowmobile is physically incapable of making the report required by this section and there was another occupant in the snowmobile at the time of the accident capable of making the report, he shall make such report.
- D.** “Snowmobile accident” means a collision, accident or other casualty involving a snowmobile

§ 223-10. Violations and penalties.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to the penalties in such case applicable as provided by the Wisconsin Statutes.

§ 223-11. Snowmobile routes designated.

- A.** Except as provided in § 350.03, Wis. Stats., no person shall operate a snowmobile upon any public right-of-way, sidewalk, creek bridge, cemetery property or on any other property within the Village of Genoa City, except as hereinafter designated. The marked snowmobile trail as marked by the snowmobile club.
- B.** For the purpose of traversing from any residence within the Village, the operator of a snowmobile may travel on the side of such Village street as may be necessary for the most direct travel to and from the authorized snowmobile trail.
- C.** The Village of Genoa City assumes no liability for the posting of the stated snowmobile routes. The stated routes are to be adequately marked and maintained by a local snowmobile club or similar organization. Such club or organization shall remove the markers in the spring.
- D.** The Chief of Police or the authorized representative of the stated club or organization shall have the power to declare the stated snowmobile route either open or closed.