

Chapter 283

SNOWMOBILES

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Common Council of the City of Buffalo City 6-11-1973 by Ord. No. 70. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Parks and recreation areas — See Ch. 225.

All-terrain vehicles — See Ch. 324.

Vehicles and traffic — See Ch. 330.

§ 283-1. Statutory provisions adopted by reference.

- A. 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.

350.01	(Definitions)
350.02	(Operation of Snowmobiles on or in the Vicinity of a Highway)
350.03	(Right of Way)
350.04	(Snowmobile Races, Derbies and Routes)
350.045	(Public Utility Exemptions)
350.05	(Operation by Youthful Operators Restricted)
350.055	(Safety Certification Program Established)
350.07	(Driving Animals)
350.08	(Owner Permitting Operation)
350.09	(Head Lamps, Tail Lamps and Brakes)
350.10	(Miscellaneous Provisions for Snowmobile Operation)
350.12	(Registration of Snowmobiles)
350.13	(Uniform Trail Signs and Standards)
350.15	(Accidents and Accident Reports)
350.17	(Enforcement)
350.19	(Liability of Landowners)
346.02 (10)	(Applicability of Rules of Road to Snowmobiles)

- B. The adoption of § 346.02(10), Wis. Stats., by reference is intended to include the rules of the road therein enumerated which are as follows: §§ 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 to 346.48, 346.50(1)(b), 346.51 to 346.55, 346.87 to 346.91, 346.92(1) and 346.94(1) and (9).

§ 283-2. Snowmobile routes designated.

A. Except as provided in §§ 350.02 and 350.045, Wis. Stats., or for snowmobile events authorized in accordance with § 350.04, Wis. Stats., no person shall operate a snowmobile upon any public right of way, in any public park, or on any other public municipal property in the City of Buffalo City, Wisconsin, except upon the following streets which are designated as snowmobile routes:

(1) Streets.

Name of Street	Location
8th Street	From the intersection of said street with Herman Street to the intersection of said street with River Road
8th Street [Added 12-10-1973]	From the intersection of said street with Herman Street to the intersection of said street with Washington Street
16th Street	From the intersection of said street with Herman Street to the intersection of said street with River Road
Herman Street	From the point of intersection of said street with the northern corporate city limits of the City of Buffalo City, Wisconsin, to 8th Street
Herman Street [Added 1-7-1980]	From the intersection of said street with 8th Street South to the intersection of said street with County Trunk Highway "OO"
Washington Street [Added 12-10-1973]	From the intersection of said street with 8th Street to the southern end of said Washington Street

(2) Parks and recreational areas. Operation of snowmobiles is prohibited in all parks and recreational areas lying within the corporate limits of the City of Buffalo City, Wisconsin.

B. The City Superintendent is directed and authorized to procure, erect and maintain appropriate snowmobile route, trail and limit signs and markers as approved by the State Department of Natural Resources under § 350.13, Wis. Stats.

C. No person shall fail to obey any route or trail sign, marker or limit erected in accordance with this chapter.

§ 283-3. Additional regulations.

A. Speed. No person shall operate a snowmobile upon any public right-of-way or highway within the City of Buffalo City, Wisconsin, at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour.

B. Hours of operation. No person shall operate a snowmobile with the City of Buffalo City,

Wisconsin, between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., except on Friday and Saturday, when there shall be no operation between 12:00 midnight and 7:00 a.m., except upon a public highway as authorized by the Wisconsin Statutes and this chapter or for the purpose of gaining access to or leaving such highway. [Amended 1-7-1980]

- C. Unattended snowmobiles. No person shall leave or allow a snowmobile to remain unattended on any public highway or public property while the motor is running or with the starting key in the ignition.

§ 283-4. Violations and penalties.

Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter shall upon conviction thereof forfeit not more than \$600 together with the costs of prosecution and in default of payment thereof may be imprisoned in the county jail for not exceeding 90 days; provided no person shall forfeit an amount in excess of the maximum fine or forfeiture allowed in the Wisconsin Statutes for the same offense and further provided that the penalty and forfeiture for parking violations on highways shall be the amount applicable to such violations by owners or operators of motor vehicles under the provisions of Chapter 330, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of the City of Buffalo City.

§ 283-5. Enforcement.

- A. Uniform citation for highway violations. The uniform traffic citation promulgated under § 345.11, Wis. Stats., shall be used for violations of this chapter relating to highway use except as herein provided.
- B. Parking violations. The special traffic citation described and defined in Chapter 330, Vehicles and Traffic, shall be used for enforcement of violations of rules of the road relating to parking of vehicles adopted by reference in § 283-1 of this chapter.
- C. Other violations. All violations of this ordinance not described in Subsection A or B shall be enforced in accordance with §§ 66.0114 and 66.0111, Wis. Stats. Stipulations of guilt or no contest may be made as provided in § 66.12(1)(b), Wis. Stats., in substantially the form provided in the uniform traffic citation within five days of the date of the citation for such violation. Bail deposits may also be made under § 66.0114, Wis. Stats. Such deposits shall include a Clerk's fee as set by the Common Council and costs of prosecution.¹
- D. Buffalo County Clerk of Court to receive stipulations and penalties. Stipulations, forfeited penalties and deposits for obtaining release from arrest authorized under this chapter may be accepted by the Buffalo County Clerk of Court or such other officer as may be designated by him.
- E. Forfeited penalties and deposits. Except as otherwise provided in § 345.26, Wis. Stats., and the deposit schedule adopted by the Wisconsin Judicial Conference thereunder, required forfeited penalties and deposits or bail not including costs or fees for violations of this chapter shall be as follows:

1. Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. D).

Offense	Deposit
§ 283-1 violations, except:	\$20.00
350.07 (driving animals)	\$200.00
350.08 (permitting operation by incompetent)	\$100.00
350.10(3) (operating snowmobile under influence)	\$100.00
§ 283-2 violations	\$20.00
§ 283-3 violations, except:	\$20.00
Subsection C (unattended vehicles)	\$10.00

§ 283-6. Filing.

The Clerk shall file a copy of this chapter upon its enactment and publication with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.