

CHAPTER 74

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

SECTION 1.

- a. No person shall travel upon any County-designated snowmobile trail by any means other than a snowmobile or a vehicle being used for trail grooming and maintenance when such trail is officially open.
- b. A landowner, or any person authorized by the landowner, is exempted from paragraph a. with respect to those portions of the trail located on the landowner's property.

SECTION 2.

- a. No person shall damage, mar, or deface the surface or any other part of any County-designated snowmobile trail when such trail is officially open.
- b. No person shall operate a snowmobile or unauthorized vehicle on any portion of a County-designated snowmobile trail prior to the official announcement of the opening of the trail system or after the official announcement of the closing of the trail system. Official announcements will be made only through the office of the St. Croix County Parks Department.
- c. No person shall operate a snowmobile or unauthorized vehicle on any portion of ground that is not designated and marked as snowmobile trail surface without the express permission of the landowner.

SECTION 3.

No person shall deface, destroy, or remove any snowmobile trail signs from any County-designated snowmobile trail.

SECTION 4.

"Snowmobile" means an engine-driven vehicle that is manufactured solely for snowmobiling that has an endless belt tread and sled-type runners or skis, to be used in contact with snow. A snowmobile does NOT include a vehicle that is any of the following: A vehicle that has inflatable tires or a vehicle that is driven by a motor of 4 horsepower or less and that is operated in sanctioned races, derbies, competitions or exhibitions or only on private property. A snowmobile cannot be over 48 inches wide if it was manufactured after May 7, 1994.

SECTION 5.

Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance, upon adjudication of a violation, shall forfeit not more than \$500, together with the costs of the action. Upon default in the payment of that sum, the person may be imprisoned in the County Jail until said forfeiture and costs are paid, but not exceeding 30 days.

SECTION 6.

None of the above prohibitions shall apply to employees or duly authorized agents of St. Croix County or duly authorized law enforcement officers whose actions are in performance of their official duties as it relates to the operation, maintenance, safety and regulation of the snowmobile trail system.

SECTION 7.

This ordinance and any amendments shall take effect upon enactment and proper publication.

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