

## **SNOWMOBILES IN BANGOR**

By City Council action and in accordance with State Statues governing the operation of snowmobiles, snowmobile are only permitted along Center Street - a north / south corridor through town. They may also drive from Center Street on Charles Street to Walnut Street to Monroe Street. This allows snowmobiles the opportunity to come into town for gasoline. This also allows snowmobiles to be parked in the lot behind 5/3 Bank so people may walk to any of the downtown restaurants and bar.

## **SNOWMOBILE GUIDE**

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### **Legal definition of a snowmobile:**

A snowmobile is any motor-driven vehicle designed for travel primarily on snow or ice using sled-type runners or skis, an endless belt tread or similar means to contact the surface upon which it is operated.

### **A Snowmobile may Operate on a Public Highway Under the Following Conditions:**

- A snowmobile may be operated on the right-of-way of a public highway (except a limited-access highway) if it is operated at the extreme right of the open portion of the right-of-way and with the flow of traffic on the highway. Snowmobiles operated on a road right-of-way must travel in single file and shall not be operated abreast except when overtaking or passing another snowmobile.
- A snowmobile may be operated on the roadway or shoulder when necessary to cross a bridge or culvert if the snowmobile is brought to a complete stop before entering onto the roadway or shoulder and the operator yield the right-of-way to any approaching motor vehicle on the highway.
- A snowmobile may be operated across a public highway, other than a limited access highway, at right angles to the highway for the purpose of getting from one area to another when the operation can be done safely and another vehicle is not crossing the highway at the same time in the immediate area. An operator must bring his/her snowmobile to a complete stop before proceeding across the public highway and must yield the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic.

- Snowmobiles may be operated on a highway in a county road system, which is not normally snowplowed for vehicular traffic; and on the right-of-way or shoulder when no right-of-way exists on a snowplowed highway in a county road system, outside the corporate limits of a city or village, which is designated and marked for snowmobile use by the county road commission having jurisdiction.

### **A Person Shall Not Operate a Snowmobile:**

- While under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- At a rate of speed greater than is reasonable for existing conditions.
- In a forest nursery, planting area or public lands posted or reasonably identifiable as an area or forest reproduction when growing stock may be damaged or any designated wild, wilderness or natural area in the state.
- On the frozen surface of public waters within 100 feet of a person, including a skater, not in or upon a snowmobile or within 100 feet of a fishing shanty or shelter except at the minimum speed required to maintain forward movement of the snowmobile or on an area which has been cleared for ice skating, unless the area is necessary for gaining access to the public water.
- Within 100 feet of a dwelling between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. at a speed greater than the minimum required to maintain forward movement of the snowmobile.
- Upon the land of another without consent of the owner or their agent, as required by the recreational trespass act.
- In an area open to public hunting during the November 15 - 30 firearm deer season from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- While transporting a bow unless it is unstrung or encased, or a firearm unless it is unloaded and securely encased.
- On or across a cemetery or burial ground, airport, public or private parking lot, railroad or a railroad right-of-way within 100 feet of a sledding, skiing or skating area.
- To chase, pursue, worry or kill any wild bird or animal.

## **Suspended Driver License**

- You may not operate a snowmobile if your license to operate an automobile has been suspended by Michigan or your home state.

## **Point Assessed to Your Driver Record**

- A person convicted of manslaughter, negligent homicide or a felony resulting from snowmobile operation shall have six points assessed against their driver record. A person convicted of operating a snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance, or with an unlawful blood alcohol content shall have six point assessed against their driver record. A person who is convicted of operating a snowmobile while visibly impaired due to consumption of alcohol or a controlled substance shall have four point assessed against their driver record.

## **Restrictions on Youthful Operation**

A person under the age of 12:

- May not operate a snowmobile without direct supervision of the parent or guardian except on property owned or controlled by the parent.
- May not cross a highway or street.

A person who is at least 12 but less than 17 years of age:

- May operate a snowmobile if they have a valid snowmobile safety certificate in their immediate possession or are under direct supervision of a person 21 years of age or older.
- May not cross a highway or street without having a valid snowmobile safety certificate in their immediate possession.