

SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCES

Ordinance 1981-1

The Town of Mercer, a municipality, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and located in Iron County, Wisconsin, has seen a need for an Ordinance relating to the use and operation of Snowmobiles within the Town of Mercer and the operation of Snowmobiles within the Town of Mercer is a necessary and proper exercise of the Town Powers pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, it is hereby enacted and ordained as follows:

1. Snowmobiles, as defined under Wisconsin Statutes, are hereby permitted to operate on any and all Town roads within the territory of the Town of Mercer, provided such operation is performed within the traffic regulations specifically within speed restrictions, applicable to the particular section of Town road upon which said Snowmobile is being operated;
2. Operators of said Snowmobiles shall at all times while traveling upon said Town roads within the Town of Mercer operate in single file;
3. Operators of said Snowmobiles shall operate their Snowmobile with the flow of traffic as far to the right hand portion of the roadway as is possible;
4. As permitted under this ordinance, the operation of Snowmobiles shall be limited to all Town roads within the Town of Mercer, all major trails and routes within the Town of Mercer shall be marked in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes 350.13. **Specifically excluded** from the operation of Snowmobiles are all State, County and Federal Highways within the Town of Mercer and no snowmobile shall be operated at any time on any portion of a State, County, or Federal Highway unless done in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes.

The penalty for violating any of the provisions of the above ordinance is a forfeiture of not less than \$25.00, nor more than \$100.00, for each offense.

Effective 19 February, 1981.

Ordinance 1984-1 (amendment)

The use of or operation of snowmobiles upon the following streets, roadways, pedestrian walkways, and sidewalks **shall be prohibited** at all times, within the Town of Mercer, Iron County, Wisconsin.

1. **All sidewalks within the Town of Mercer**
2. **That part of Lakeview Avenue extending from US Highway 51 to Railroad Street.**

Adopted 19 January 1984.

Ordinance 1990-93 (amendment)

Town roads designated as snowmobile routes are as follows:
(names in red are not Mercer town roads)

Arrowhead Drive
Ashe Road
Ball street
Bambiland Road
Beachway Drive
Bear Lake Road
Beaver Lake Road
Beaver Lodge Circle

Island View Road
Jones Road
Juggs Road
Kaiser Road
Kein Rd
Kichaks Landing
Kimmear Road
Klick Drive

Pitt Road
Plunkett Road
Popko Circle (E & W)
Poplar Drive
Portage Avenue
Priest Road
Railroad Grade Road
Railroad Street

Beaver Lodge Road	Koshak Road	Red Hat Road
Belding Road	Lake of the Falls Road	Redwood Road
Bell Road	Lake Tahoe Drive	Richarson Street
Birchtree Drive	Lakeshore Drive	Roamer Road
Both Road	Lakeview Road	Robin Drive
Boyer Road	Lamekas Road	Rockow Road
Brunner Road	Leisure Lane	Rocky Point Road
Camp Nokomis Road	Library Street	Roebels Park Road
Camp Road	Little Oxbow Road	Roger's Lane
Carls Park Road	Little Pike Lake Road	Rusk Road
Catherine Lake Road	Little Turtle Flowage Rd	Russell Brothers Road
Cedar Lake Road	Long Road	Russells Road
Cedar Ridge Road	Mani. River Acc. Road	Ryans Road
Chippewa Lane	Manitowish Road	Saarnio Road
Chippewa Road	Maple Ridge Road	Sandy Beach Road
Circle Lilly Road	Margaret Lake Road	Schmidt Road
Clear Lake Road	Martha Lake Road	Schuster Road
Clinic Street	Mays Road	Scott Road
County Park Road	Mercer Lake Circle	Shady Rest Drive
Cramer Lake Road	Mercer Unincorporated	Shays Mill Road
Crystal Lake Drive East	Miller Road	Sheels Road
Crystal Lake Drive West	Mills Point Road	Siegerts Blvd
Cutoff Road	Moose Lake Access	Simpson Road
Deer Lake Road	Moose Lake Road	Sopko Road
Diamond Road	Moricoli Road	Stafford Point Road
Downey Road	Murry Landing Road	Statehouse Circle
East Echo Lake Road	Musky Point Road	Swamp Creek Road
Edwards Road	No Name Raod	Thompson Trail
Elmers Road	Oestriech Road	Three Ten Road
Evensons Bend	O'Konski Road	Trails End Drive
Feely Lake Road	Old 51 Road	Turtle Road
Fierick Road	Old Highway 51 Road	Tutt Road
Fisher Lake Road	Old Pioneer Road	Vaughn Street
Flambeau Dam Road	O'Mearas Road	Wallace Road
Flambeau Trail Road	Park Road	Weber Road
Forest Wonder Road	Paul Road	Well #2 Road
Gade Road	Payment Lake Road	West Echo Lake Road
Garnet Street	Pierpont Drive	Wilson Lake Circle
Goettsche Road	Piltz Road	
Hadley Road	Pine Forest Road	
Hiawatha Road	Pine Road	
Horners Road (& Horners Drive)		

5. Operating any snowmobile upon private property without prior consent of the owner or tenant of said property constitutes trespassing. Violators will be prosecuted under Wisconsin Statutes 350.10. Said property does NOT have to be "posted" to constitute a violation of the trespassing law.
6. No person under the age of 12 years shall operate a snowmobile within the boundaries of the Town of Mercer unless accompanied by a parent, guardian or person over the age of 18 years. Persons between the ages of 12 and 16 years shall not be permitted to operate a snowmobile except in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 350.05.
7. The Iron County Sheriff's Department is hereby designated as the law enforcement agency responsible for enforcing the provisions of this ordinance.

Adopted 6th December 1990

Ordinance 1996-03 (amendment)

Designated Roadways:

- (1) **All town roads in the Township of Mercer are open to snowmobile traffic** either as an access route to a main trail or as a portion of a main trail **including** County Highway J to Highway 51 and Crystal Lake East to Snow's Road on County FF

Speed:

Snowmobiles shall operate under posted speed limits of 25 miles per hour.

Conditions:

Snowmobile operators shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicular traffic and pedestrians.

Adopted 5th December 1996.

Ordinance 2000-1

Permitted conduct:

County Highway J from trail 17 to US Highway 51 **will be** used as a snowmobile route. Further, that State House Circle from US Highway 51 to the Mercer Ranger Station, and the alley from Statehouse to Vaughn Street **will be** used as a snowmobile route.

Posting:

The above routes shall be designated as Iron County Snowmobile routes and appropriate signs marking said routes as well as snow fences and speed limits upon such routes shall be erected by the Mercer Snowgoers, Inc. Mercer Snowgoers Inc. shall be responsible for and is hereby the designated agency for erecting the traffic control and route signs upon such designated routes as herein provided and shall maintain such signs as appropriate. Mercer Snowgoers Inc. shall further be required to indemnify the Town of Mercer and shall be solely liable for the proper placement, sufficiency and maintenance of the above referenced traffic control signs and snow fences, and shall bear sole and exclusive responsibility for the lack or improper maintenance thereof.

Adopted 19th January 2000.

Motion by J. Lambert supported by J. Denicke to open Lakeview Avenue to snowmobiles and ATV's carried.

March 16th 2000.

A discussion was then held regarding the opening up of Lakeview Avenue and Railroad Street up to the North of Highway 51.

Motion by J. Denicke supported by A. Klein to approve the amended Snowmobile Ordinance subject to the removal of Railroad Street from the Ordinance. Roll call: 4 – Yes o – No.