

Chapter 114

SNOWMOBILES

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Hartland 11-30-1971 by L.L. No. 2-1971. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 114-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of Hartland by regulating the operation of snowmobiles on public highways of the town in a manner which will be compatible with the use of such highways for vehicular and pedestrian traffic and which will promote the safe and proper use of snowmobiles.

§ 114-2. Definitions. [Amended 11-10-1983 by L.L. No. 9-1983]

A. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

TOWN — The Town of Hartland.

- B. Terms, words and phrases used in this chapter shall have the meanings set forth in Title D of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law.

§ 114-3. Use on town highways restricted. [Amended 11-10-1983 by L.L. No. 9-1983]

Operation of snowmobiles on highways of the town is subject to Title D of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law, the rules and regulations of the Office of Parks and Recreation regarding snowmobiles and the provisions of this chapter.

- A. All town highways and county highways in the Town of Hartland are hereby designated to be uncongested highways and, therefore, the operation of snowmobiles on the inside banks and shoulders thereof is permitted as authorized by Title D of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law. Notwithstanding the designation of county highways as uncongested highways, no person shall operate a snowmobile on a county highway in said town until such time as the Niagara County Superintendent of Highways shall also designate the county highways, or particular county highways, as being uncongested and suitable for snowmobile use as authorized by Title D of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law.
- B. No highways in the Town of Hartland are designated as customarily unplowed, and no person shall be permitted to operate a snowmobile on the roadway of a town highway unless so authorized under Title D of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law.

§ 114-4. Regulations for operation on town highways.

Whenever operation of a snowmobile is permitted on the shoulder or inside bank of any town highway as provided in this chapter, the following conditions and restrictions are hereby imposed on all such snowmobile operators:

- A. No person shall operate a snowmobile on any town highway unless he or she is 16 years of age or older.
- B. No person shall operate a snowmobile on any town highway unless said vehicle is equipped with head- and taillights, both of which are illuminated.
- C. No person shall operate a snowmobile on any town highway, except on the right side of the highway and in the same direction as the flow of traffic.
- D. No person, be he owner or operator, shall leave or allow a snowmobile to be left unattended on any town highway while the motor is running or with the key for starting the same in the ignition or elsewhere in the snowmobile.
- E. Every person operating a snowmobile on any town highway shall observe all vehicular traffic signs and signals and all other rules and regulations applicable to vehicular traffic and shall obey the orders and directions of all law enforcement officers authorized to direct and regulate traffic.

§ 114-5. Penalties for offenses. [Amended 11-10-1983 by L.L. No. 9-1983]

Failure to comply with any provision of this chapter shall be deemed a violation, and the violator shall be liable to penalties as set forth in Title D of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law.

§ 114-6. When effective; erection of signs.

This chapter shall take effect immediately upon its filing in accordance with the provisions of § 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law; provided, however, that no snowmobile shall be operated under the provisions hereof until such time as the signs and markers are installed or constructed in accordance

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with Article 8 of the Conservation Law¹ and the rules and regulations of the New York State Office of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Transportation.

1. **Editor's Note: See Title D of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law.**