

ALGER COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 6

SNOWMOBILES

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND CONTROL THE OPERATION OF SNOWMOBILES UPON ROADS AND HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE COUNTY CERTIFIED ROAD SYSTEM UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE ALGER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION.

THE COUNTY OF ALGER, A MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

Section I PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE:

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate and control the operation of snowmobiles upon roads and highways within the County Certified Road System, the use of which may be authorized by the Alger County Road Commission having jurisdiction thereof pursuant to Section I2 (f) of Act No. 178, Public Acts of 1971, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof.

Section 2 ADOPTION:

Except as herein provided to the contrary, the County of Alger hereby adopts the laws of the State of Michigan covering the use, operation and regulation of snowmobiles, being Act No. 74 of the Public Acts of 1968, as amended by Act No. 178 of the Public Acts of 1971, as amended.

Section 3 OPERATION:

In the event snowmobiles are permitted to operate on any one or more roads and highways, or any portion thereof, within the County Certified Road System under the jurisdiction of the Alger County Road Commission, such operation shall be in accordance with all of the regulations and provisions set forth and contained in Act No. 74 of the Public Acts of 1968, as amended by Act No. 178 of the Public Acts of 1971, as amended, subject, however, to the following provisions regulating snowmobile operation:

- (a) Snowmobiles shall operate on the extreme right side of the cleared portion of the roadway.
- (b) Snowmobiles shall travel in the same direction as automobile traffic.
- (c) Snowmobiles shall travel in single-file order.
- (d) Snowmobile operators shall use hand signals preparatory to making a turn or stopping, such signals shall be the same as required for automobile operators.
- (e) Snowmobiles shall always give the right of way to other vehicle and pedestrian traffic.
- (f) Snowmobiles shall not operate in excess of the posted speed, nor at a speed greater than, or less than, is reasonably safe and proper for them then existing conditions.
- (g) Under no circumstances shall a snowmobile tow another snowmobile or other sledding device unless equipped with a rigid tow-bar or tongue.
- (h) Snowmobiles shall be operated only by persons who are sixteen (16) years of age or older, except that persons between twelve to sixteen (12 to 16) years of age may operate a snowmobile when accompanied by an adult.
- (i) Snowmobile operators shall exercise extreme caution when in the proximity of public and private driveways which enter upon the roads and highways being travelled upon, and any motor vehicles entering or leaving such driveways shall have the right of way.
- (j) Upon the request or by any signal of the Sheriff, or any deputy or other police officer, a snowmobile operator shall immediately stop his snowmobile in a safe place and outside of the flow of traffic.

Section 4 PENALTIES:

Every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 5 SEVERABILITY:

The sections and provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable, and any portion which is declared to be unconstitutional or inoperative for any reason shall in no way effect the other provisions of this ordinance.

Section 6 EFFECTIVE DATE:

This ordinance shall become effective after having been published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in Alger County and approved by the Governor of the State of Michigan, or as otherwise provided by law.