

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
TOWN OF WASHINGTON, VILAS COUNTY

CODE OF ORDINANCES

**CHAPTER 3: SNOWMOBILE ROUTE ORDINANCE (February 5, 2018)**

**3.01 Title and Purpose**

The title of this ordinance is the Town of Washington Snowmobile Route Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish snowmobile routes in the town and regulate the operation of snowmobiles in the town.

**3.02 Statutory Authority**

The town board has the specific authority to adopt this Snowmobile Route Ordinance under s.350.18, Wis. Stats.

**3.03 Definitions**

Snowmobile Route means a highway or sidewalk designated for use by snowmobile operators by the governmental agency having jurisdiction as authorized under this chapter (s.350.01).

Snowmobile Trail means a marked corridor on public or on private lands subject to public easement or lease, designated for use by snowmobile operators by the governmental agency having jurisdiction, but excluding highways except those highways on which the roadway is not normally maintained for other vehicular traffic by the removal of snow (s. 350.01)

All other applicable words or phrases defined within Chapter 350.01 of the Wisconsin State Statutes are incorporated within this ordinance.

**3.04 Adoption of Ordinance**

This ordinance, adopted by a majority of the town board with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, designates snowmobile routes in the town and provides for the regulation of the use of those routes.

**3.05 Designation of Snowmobile Routes**

The following town roads are designated as snowmobile routes in the town:

1. Deerview Lane
2. Columbus Rd - from Shangri La Rd, west approximately ½ mile
3. Shangri La Rd - from Columbus Rd, east approximately ½ mile to Hwy 17
4. Shangri La Rd – from the trail intersection, west approximately 0.1 mile to Hwy 17
5. North Military Rd – from Hwy 70, north ¼ mile
6. South Anvil Lake Rd

7. Bald Eagle Ln – from South Anvil Lake Rd, south approximately 300 ft. from Hwy 70
8. East Anvil Lake Rd – from fire numbers 1941/1943, south to approximately 300 ft. from Hwy 70
9. Town Line Rd – from Hwy 70, south to Twelve Pines
10. East Dollar Lake Rd – from the Chanticleer Inn entrance, west to the town boundary line
11. Eagle Lake Boat Landing Rd – from Eagle lake, north to Chain O'Lakes Rd
12. Chain O'Lakes Rd – from Hwy 45, east to Wild Eagle Lodge
13. Town Hall Rd – from ¼ mile north of Chain O'Lakes Rd, north to approximately 150 ft. from Deerskin Rd intersection
14. Eagle Waters Rd – from Eagle Waters Resort to Golf View Rd
15. Scattering Rice Lake Rd – from Eagle Waters Rd to Rangeline Rd
16. West Carpenter Lake Rd – From Grandpa Graham Trail south to Hwy 70
17. Golf View Rd – from Lake Forest Resort to Eagle Waters Rd
18. Nine Mile Rd – from the intersection of FR 2437, east to military Rd
19. Military Rd – from the intersection of Nine Mile Rd, south ¼ mile to the intersection of the Three Lakes snowmobile trail

### **3.06 Conditions Applicable to Snowmobile Routes**

The following restrictions are placed on the use of town roads as snowmobile routes designated by this ordinance:

- A. The Town of Washington or its designee will provide, install, inspect and maintain all signage. All routes must be signed in accordance with NR 50.09 and NR 50.10
- B. The term of this ordinance shall run from the opening of the public use snowmobile trail system in Vilas County until the close of the season each year.
- C. No person may do any of the following regarding signs marking snowmobile routes:
  - a. Intentionally remove, damage, deface, move, or obstruct any uniform snowmobile route or trail sign or standard of the type established by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources or intentionally interfere with the effective operation of any uniform snowmobile route or trail sign or standard if the sign or standard is legally placed by the state, any municipality, or any authorized individual. s. 350.135(1) Wis stats.
  - b. Possess any uniform snowmobile route or trail sign or standard of the type established by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources for the warning, instruction, or information of the public, unless he or she obtained the uniform snowmobile route or trail sign or standard in a lawful manner. Possession of a uniform snowmobile route or trail sign created a rebuttable presumption of illegal possession. s. 350.135(20) Wis stats.
- D. Operation shall be subject to all provisions of s.350.04(2), Wis stats., and any other provision of Chapter 350, Wis stats., which is adopted as a part of this ordinance by reference, pursuant to s. 350.18, Wis stats.
- E. Further Restrictions
  - a. Snowmobiles shall be operated on the right shoulder (where possible) of the roadway and travel with the flow of traffic.
  - b. Snowmobiles are to be operated in single file.

- c. Snowmobile operators shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicular traffic and pedestrians.
- d. All snowmobile operators shall observe posted roadway speed limits.

**3.07 Enforcement**

This ordinance shall be enforced by a certified and sworn law enforcement officer acting in his/her official capacity and on duty to enforce the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

**3.08 Penalties**

The penalties under s. 350.11, Wisconsin State Statutes, are adopted and incorporated by reference.

**3.09 Severability**

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

This ordinance rescinds and replaces all snowmobile route ordinances previously adopted by the Town of Washington.

**3.10 Effective Date**

This ordinance is effective upon passage and publication.

The town clerk shall properly publish this ordinance as required under s. 60.80, Wis. Stats., and mail a copy to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and to the Vilas County Sheriff's Department, as required under s.350.047, Wis. Stats.

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018.

  
Jim Egan, Town Chairman

Attest:

  
Michele Sanborn, Clerk

Effective Date: March 8, 2018

Publication Date: March 7, 2018