

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of Saint Germain, Vilas County

Code of Ordinances
Chapter 9: Snowmobiling on Town Roads
Re-adopted without revisions August 19, 2019

9.01 TITLE AND PURPOSE: The title of this chapter is Snowmobiling on Town Roads. The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the Town to annually designate town roads on which operation of snowmobiles is permissible and to provide for reasonable access, by operation of snowmobiles, to such roads from points within the town that are not located on such roads.

9.02 AUTHORITY: The town of Saint Germain has the authority to enact this ordinance under its village powers under §60.22, Wis. Stats. and the specific authority under §350, Wis. Stats. Except as herein provided, the Town hereby adopts and incorporates herein by reference all provisions of §§350.01 to 350.99, Wis. Stats., inclusive.

9.03 DEFINITIONS: The following words and phrases shall have the designated meaning unless a different meaning is expressly provided, or the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Snowmobile: An engine-driven vehicle that is manufactured solely for snowmobiling, that has an endless belt tread and sled-type runners, or skis, to be used in contact with snow but does not include such a vehicle that is any of the following:

- (a) A vehicle that has inflatable tires.
- (b) A vehicle that is driven by a motor of 4 horsepower or less and that is operated in sanctioned races, derbies, competitions or exhibitions or only on private property.

Snowmobile Route: A highway or sidewalk designated for use by snowmobile operators by the governmental agency having jurisdiction as authorized under §350, Wis. Stats.

Town: The Town of Saint Germain in Vilas County, Wisconsin.

Town Board: The Town Board of Supervisors

Town Official: Any currently elected official of the Town as designated on the townofstgermain.org website.

Town Roads: Roadways owned and maintained by the Town.

Wis. Stats. means the Wisconsin Statutes, including successor provisions of cited statutes.

9.04 DESIGNATED TOWN ROAD SNOWMOBILE ROUTES: The Town Board shall annually, prior to the official opening date of Vilas County Snowmobile Trails, designate a list of town roads, or portions thereof, upon which snowmobiles may operate during the upcoming snowmobile season. Each designated town road shall be appropriately marked as a Snowmobile Route. Except as specified in §9.05 of this chapter, no

person shall operate a snowmobile on a town road or shoulder of a town road not designated as a snowmobile route.

- 9.05 ACCESSING TOWN ROAD SNOWMOBILE ROUTES:** Any person residing or lodging at a residence or lodging establishment located on a town road that is not a designated snowmobile route may travel by snowmobile on that town road, via the shortest reasonable route, from that location to the nearest designated snowmobile route.
- 9.06 SPEED RESTRICTIONS:** No person shall operate a snowmobile on town roads at a speed in excess of the posted speed limit.
- 9.07 MANNER OF TRAVELING ON DESIGNATED TOWN ROADS:** Snowmobiles shall be operated on the same side of roads as other vehicles. No person shall operate a snowmobile beside or abreast of another snowmobile. Groups of snowmobiles shall be operated in single file with prudent distances between snowmobiles.
- 9.08 SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**
If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance 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.
- 9.09 FORFEITURES:** Any person, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity that fails to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, pay a forfeiture of \$50 for the first offense, \$100 for the second offence, and \$200 for all subsequent offences, plus the applicable surcharges, assessments, and costs for each violation. Each day a violation exists or continues constitutes a separate offense under this chapter. In addition, the town board may seek injunctive relief from a court of record to enjoin further violations.
- 9.10 EFFECTIVE DATE:** This ordinance is effective on publication or posting and rescinds and replaces Town of St. Germain Ordinance S-2 adopted December 15, 1979 and Ordinance 10-96-2 adopted October 14, 1996 and all subsequent amendments to them. This ordinance is effective on publication or posting and

The Town Clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under §60.80, Wis. Stats.

Adopted this 19th day of August 2019



Tom Christensen
Town Chairman

Attest:



Tom Martens
Town Clerk