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WOOD COUNTY ORDINANCE #235
SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE

Chapter 235.01 DEFINITIONS

(1) **Approved Snowmobile Trails.** Shall include all snowmobile trails or routes so-designated by the Wood County Snowmobile Coordinator and/or the Wood County Highway Infrastructure and Recreation Committee (HIRC)

(2) **Snowmobile.** Means an engine-driven vehicle that is manufactured solely for snowmobiling that has an endless belt tread and sled-type runners or skis. A snowmobile cannot be over 48 inches wide if it was manufactured after May 7, 1994. A snowmobile is 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.

(4) **Snowmobile Coordinator.** Shall mean the Wood County Snowmobile Coordinator, his/her assistant(s) and such other individuals so-designated by the Wood County Highway Infrastructure and Recreation Committee.

(5) **Snowmobile Route.** Means a highway or sidewalk designated for use by snowmobile operators by the governmental agency having jurisdiction as authorized under this chapter. Generally a route is a roadway that allows you to get from the trail through town to the next trail.

(6) **Snowmobile Trail.** Means a marked trail on public property or on private property, subject to public easement or lease, designated for use by snowmobile operators by the Wood County Snowmobile Park and Forestry Snowmobile Coordinator, but excluding highways except those highways on which the roadway is not normally maintained for other vehicular traffic by the removal of snow. Trails are marked with orange blazers.

(7) **Highway.** Means all public ways and thoroughfares and bridges on the same. It includes the entire width between the boundary lines of every way open to the use of the public as a matter of right for the purposes of vehicular travel. It includes those roads and driveways in the state, county and municipal parks and in state forests which have been opened to the use of the public for the purpose of vehicular travel and roads and driveways upon the grounds of public schools and institutions under the jurisdiction of the county board of supervisors, but does not include private roads or driveways. Generally, Federal and State highways are designated by a number. County highways are designated by a letter or letters. Town roads are generally designated by a name.

Chapter 235.02 RESTRICTED USE OF SNOWMOBILES

- (1) It shall be unlawful to operate a snowmobile on any land under the supervision, management or control of the Wood County Parks and Forestry Department that has been posted as "Closed".
- (2) It shall be unlawful to operate a snowmobile on any snowmobile trails at a speed in excess of the posted limit. The snowmobile coordinator shall determine the speed limits to be posted and the locations for posting and will arrange for the postings. When you are riding a snowmobile within 100 feet of a person who is not on a snowmobile, or in or on a vehicle, or when you are riding within 100 feet of an ice fishing shanty, you must slow your snowmobile to 10 mph or less and yield the right away, except when you are operating on a privately owned raceway facility. When you are riding a snowmobile between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. and you are riding within 150 feet of a home or dwelling, you must slow your snowmobile to 10 mph or less. It is unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile in excess of 55 miles per hour during the hours of darkness. This would be applicable to all areas (public and private) county wide.

Chapter 235.03 RESTRICTED USE OF SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

- (1) No person shall drive any four-wheeled drive vehicle, passenger car, truck, motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle, or any non-motorized vehicle (including fat tire bikes) on any snowmobile trail between December 1st of each year and April 15th of the following year without the written permission of the property owner or lessee.
- (2) No person shall deface, destroy or remove any snowmobile sign posted on any snowmobile trail.

Chapter 235.04 PENALTIES

- (1) Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, forfeit not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$200.00 for each offense, together with the costs of prosecution, restitution of trail and sign damage.

Chapter 235.05 GENERAL

- (1) Any previous ordinance or resolution in conflict with this ordinance is repealed to the extent of such conflict, except for the County Sheriffs Resolution #5 (June 11, 1968) adopting state traffic ordinance 350.01 - 350.10 on snowmobile laws.
- (2) This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication.