

ORDINANCE NO. 435

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND CONTROL THE OPERATION OF SNOWMOBILES WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NORWAY AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF THE CITY OF NORWAY ORDAINS:

Snowmobile means any motor-driven vehicle designed for travel primarily on snow or ice of a type that utilizes sled-type runners or skis, an endless belt tread, or any combination of these or other similar means of contact with the surface upon which it is operated, but is not a vehicle that must be registered under the Michigan Vehicle Code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923.

- (a) Purpose. The intent of this section is to establish access routes along the streets and alleys within the City of Norway for use by snowmobile; by city council resolution authorize and designate the terms and conditions upon which such access routes may be used and prohibited; and provide penalties for the violations thereof.
 - (1) Designation of alleys for snowmobile use.
 - a. Unless specifically designated otherwise as provided herein, all city alleys within the city are hereby designated to be access routes upon which snowmobiles may be operated for the purpose of providing access to and from trails where snowmobile operation is permitted.
 - b. Such access routes do not include or involve US2 and US8 unless approved as a MDOT connector route.
 - (2) General regulation on snowmobile operation.
 - a. A snowmobile operated pursuant to this section shall at all times be operated:
 - 1. On the outermost right side of the roadway or alley;
 - 2. In single file with the flow of traffic, unless said operation is upon a snowmobile trail designated and approved by the state transportation department;
 - 3. For the purpose of gaining access to or from trails where snowmobile operation is permitted, using the most direct route from point of origin;
 - 4. In compliance with all the provisions of federal, state and local statutes, rules, regulations and ordinances applicable to such snowmobile operation;
 - 5. At a speed not to exceed 15 miles per hour

- (3) A snowmobile may be operated on the roadway of a street under the jurisdiction of the city, whether or not such operation has been prohibited, only:
- a. In a life-threatening emergency;
 - b. By crossing such roadway at right angles, for the purpose of getting from one authorized area/trail to another authorized area/trail if the operation can be done safely. The operator shall bring the snowmobile to complete stop prior to crossing the roadway and shall yield the right-of-way to oncoming traffic;
 - c. Along the extreme right of the northerly side of Railroad avenue between US-2 and Main Street;
 - d. when necessary to cross a bridge or culvert if the snowmobile is brought to a complete stop before entering the roadway or shoulder and the driver yields the right of way to an approaching vehicle on the road.
- (4) A snowmobile may not be operated:
- a. Within city owned parks except at designated access points approved by the city council, or any natural areas within the city;
 - b. Upon or crossing of Main Street from 4th Avenue to Railroad Avenue, US2 or US8;
 - c. On those shoulders, paths or areas specifically designed as non-motorized facilities;
 - d. unless the operator and each passenger is wearing a crash helmet and protective eyewear approved by the United States Department of Transportation;
 - e. in a careless or reckless manner;
 - f. between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.;
 - g. contrary to noise restrictions as contained within MCL 324.81101 et seq.;
 - h. In violation of any of the provisions of MCL 324.81101 et seq. and that various subsections thereof, as amended as well as all other statutes, rules, regulations and ordinances applicable to such snowmobile operations.

(5) Violations and penalties.

- a. Any person who violates any provision of this section is committing a municipal civil infraction, and will be liable for a civil fine.

State Law references – MCL 324.82119; MCL 324.82101; MCL 324.81131

EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective no earlier than 15 days after enactment nor before publication thereof, as set forth in the city charter.

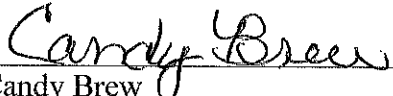
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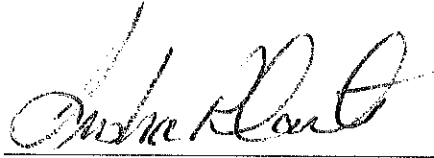
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Ayes: Brew, Kraemer, Meneghini, Muraro, Popp

Nays: None

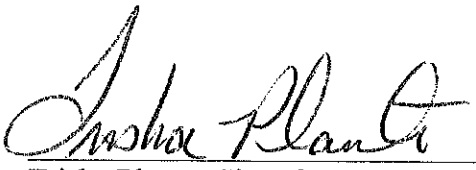


Candy Brew
Mayor, City of Norway



Trisha Plante
Clerk, City of Norway

I, Trisha Plante, City Clerk of the City of Norway do hereby certify that the above Ordinance was published in the Iron Mountain Daily News, Iron Mountain, Michigan, on the 1st day of August A.D., 2020.



Trisha Plante, City of Norway Clerk