

Ordinance No. 2020-275

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KEOTA, IOWA, 2017, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE – SNOWMOBILES.

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Keota, Iowa:

SECTION 1. Title III, Chapter 4, Section 95-100 is hereby repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

3-4-95 PURPOSE

The purpose of this chapter is to regulate the operation of snowmobiles within the City.

3-4-96 DEFINITIONS

For use in this chapter the following terms are defined:

1. "Snowmobile" means a self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice in a natural terrain steered by wheels, skis or runners

3-4-97 GENERAL REGULATIONS

No person shall operate an snowmobile within the City in violation of the provisions of Chapter 321G of the Code of Iowa or rules established by the Natural Resource Commission of the Department of Natural Resources governing their registration, numbering, equipment and manner of operation. (Code of Iowa, Ch. 321G)

3-4-98 PLACES OF OPERATION

The operators of snowmobiles shall comply with the following restrictions as to where snowmobiles may be operated within the City:

1. Streets. Snowmobiles shall be operated only upon streets which have not been plowed during the snow season and on such other streets as may be designated by resolution of the Council. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 321G.9[4a])

2. Exceptions. Snowmobiles may be operated on prohibited streets only under the following circumstances:

A. Emergencies. Snowmobiles may be operated on any street in an emergency during the period of time when and at locations where snow upon the roadway renders travel by conventional motor vehicles impractical. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 321G.9[4c])

B. Direct Crossing. Snowmobiles may make a direct crossing of a prohibited street provided:

- (1) The crossing is made at an angle of approximately ninety degrees (90) to the direction of the street and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing;
- (2) The snowmobile is brought to a complete stop before crossing the street;
- (3) The driver yields the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic which constitutes an immediate hazard; and
- (4) In crossing a divided street, the crossing is made only at an intersection of such street with another street. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 321G.9[2])

3. Parks and Other City Land. Snowmobiles shall not be operated in any park, playground or upon any other City-owned property without the express permission of the City. A snowmobile shall not be operated on any City land without a snow cover of at least one-tenth of one inch.

4. Sidewalk or Parking. Snowmobiles shall not be operated upon the public sidewalk or that portion of the street located between the curb line and the sidewalk or property line commonly referred to as the "parking" except for purposes of crossing the same to a public street upon which operation is authorized by this chapter.

3-4-99 NEGLIGENCE

The owner and operator of a snowmobile is liable for any injury or damage occasioned by the negligent operation of the snowmobile. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 321G.18)

3-4-100 ACCIDENT REPORTS

Whenever a snowmobile is involved in an accident resulting in injury or death to anyone or property damage amounting to Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) or more, either the operator or someone acting for the operator shall immediately notify a law enforcement officer and shall file an accident report within forty-eight (48) hours, in accordance with State law. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 321G.10)

SECTION 2. REPEALER.

That all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council of the City of Keota, Iowa, hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrased be declared unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE.

This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved by the Keota City Council on the 16th day of March, 2020.



ANTHONY CANSLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



TOMISHA HAMMES, CITY CLERK

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance 275 on March 25, 2020.