

TOWN OF NORTHPORT, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 496

An ordinance to amend and supersede Ordinance No. 345. An ordinance providing for the lawful operations of snowmobiles and All Terrain Vehicles (hereinafter referred to as ATV's) upon the public roadways of the Town of Northport, Washington under certain conditions and restrictions.

The Town Council of the Town of Northport, Washington does ordain as follows:

Section 1. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate in a reasonable manor the operation of snowmobiles and ATV's within the Town of Northport, Washington, and to provide the circumstances and conditions when and where snowmobiles and ATV's may be legally operated upon the public roadways of Northport, Washington.

Section 2. The term "Snowmobile" shall mean any self-propelled vehicle capable of traveling over snow or ice, which utilizes as a means of propulsion endless belt thread or cleats or any combination of these, or the similar means of contact with the surface upon which it is operated and which is steered wholly or in part by skis or sled-type runners, and which is not otherwise registered as, or subject to the motor vehicle excise tax in the State of Washington.

B. The term "ATV" shall mean any self-propelled vehicle specifically designed by a manufacturer for all-terrain use, such vehicle not to have been modified or altered after manufacture, which utilizes as a means of propulsion not less than three nor more than four pneumatic tires, and which is not otherwise registered as, or subject to the motor vehicle excise tax in the State of Washington.

Section 3. It shall be LAWFUL to operate a snowmobile or ATV upon any city street or alley of the Town of Northport, Washington as allowed under RCW 46.10.110, except upon any portion of Highway 25, also designated Center Street within the town limits except for crossing as permitted by RCW 46.10.100.

Section 4. The streets and alleys specifically designated open for the operation of snowmobiles and ATV's may be used for the operation of snowmobiles and ATV's only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Section 5. A person who does not hold a valid motor vehicle operators license shall not drive or operate a snowmobile or ATV on the public streets or alleys within the limits of the Town of Northport, Washington.

Section 6. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly permit, allow or encourage the operation or driving of a snowmobile or ATV by a person who is not qualified to operate a snowmobile or ATV.

Section 7. No snowmobile or ATV shall be operated in the Town of Northport, Washington unless it is equipped with the following;

- A.** At least one and not more than two headlights sufficient to render clearly discernable persons and vehicles at a distance of two hundred fifty feet ahead, which must be illuminated at any time the vehicle is in operation.
- B.** Tail lamps, which will emit a red light, when lighted, that will be plainly visible at a distance of two hundred fifty feet to the rear, which must be illuminated at any time the vehicle is in operation.

- C. At least one brake which may be operated by hand or foot.
- D. An adequate and operating muffler device which shall effectively blend the exhaust and motor noise in such a manner so as to preclude excessive or unusual noise, and on any snowmobiles or ATV manufactured after January 4, 1973, which shall effectively maintain such a noise at a level of eighty-two decibels or below on the "A" scale at one hundred feet under testing procedures as established by the Washington State Patrol.
- E. All snowmobiles and ATV's operated in the Town of Northport, Washington shall be equipped with a mast or antenna displaying a red or red-orange florescent flag or pennant a minimum of five feet above the ground. Such flag or pennant shall be in either rectangle or triangle shape with the leading edge being of a minimum of six inches and the length a maximum of twelve inches

Section 8. Regulations for the operation of snowmobiles and ATV's are as follows;

- A. It shall be unlawful to drive, operate, or park a snowmobile or ATV on any sidewalk in the Town of Northport, Washington, except in the course of said operation to the benefit of the community in the maintenance of said sidewalk.
- B. No snowmobile or ATV shall be operated at a speed of excess of fifteen mile per hour in the Town of Northport, Washington.
- C. No snowmobile or ATV shall carry passengers or weights in excess of the capacity recommended by the manufacturer thereof.
- D. No sled, toboggan, trailer or any other device shall be towed by a snowmobile or ATV except by means of a rigid tow bar connecting the same to such device.
- E. No person on ski, skates or other devices shall be towed behind a snowmobile or ATV.
- F. It shall be unlawful to operate a snowmobile or ATV under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.
- G. All snowmobiles and ATV's shall come to a complete stop at all intersections.