

CHAPTER 9 – VEHICLES & TRAFFIC

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Section 9-7-101 to 199, inclusive. Snowmobiles - general provisions.

Section 9-7-101 Authorized Operation.

- A. No person shall operate a snowmobile within or upon any street except to provide an exit out of the City of Pierre and a return to the residence of the operator or his place of storage for the snowmobile, by way of the most direct and closest route available, except under road and weather conditions as declared by the Police and Fire Commissioner to constitute emergency travel conditions authorizing use of a snowmobile, or when such vehicle is necessary as an emergency vehicle to protect the health, safety and welfare of any individual. This does not prohibit the crossing of a street only for the purpose of getting from one side to the other, subject to all existing traffic ordinances.
- B. No person shall operate a snowmobile on private property of another without the express permission to do so by the owner or occupant of such property; and no person shall operate a snowmobile on private property of their own or another between the hours of 10:00 o'clock P.M. and 7:00 o'clock A.M. the following day, except that a person returning to his residence as

hereinbefore provided may do so after the hour of 10:00 o'clock P.M.

- C. No person shall operate a snowmobile on public school grounds, park property, playgrounds, recreational areas, golf courses, parking lots, public property, or lakes.

Section 9-7-102 Use as per exceptions.

The operator of a snowmobile shall be subject to all existing traffic ordinances of the City of Pierre and traffic laws of the State of South Dakota, and in addition, such operator shall:

- A. Display a lighted headlight and taillight at all times during such operation;
- B. Slow the speed of such snowmobile to 15 miles per hour or less when entering any uncontrolled intersection;
- C. Have a valid South Dakota Driver's License in his or her possession.

Section 9-7-103 Equipment required.

All snowmobiles operated within the city of Pierre shall have the following equipment:

- A. Mufflers which are properly attached and which reduce the noise of operation of the vehicle to the minimum noise necessary for operating the vehicle, and no person shall use a muffler cutout, bypass, or similar device on such vehicle.
- B. Adequate brakes in good working condition.
- C. A safety or "deadman" throttle in operating condition, such being a device which when pressure is removed from the accelerator, the throttle causes the motor to disengage from the driving track.
- D. Snowmobiles manufactured prior to 1980 must display a pennant flag of red or blaze material, of a size not less than twelve inches by nine inches, properly attached at a height of not less than five feet from the ground level at anytime when the vehicle is operated within the City limits of Pierre.

Source: Ord. No. 1289, 1991.

Section 9-7-104 Unattended vehicles.

No owner or operator of a snowmobile shall leave or allow the snowmobile to be or remain unattended on public property or streets while the motor is running or where the keys for starting the vehicle are left in the ignition.

Section 9-7-105 Sidewalk operation prohibited.

No person shall operate a snowmobile upon any public sidewalk in the City of Pierre.

Section 9-7-106 Towing.

No person operating a snowmobile shall tow any person or object behind such snowmobile except when such person or object is situated upon a conveyance which is attached to such snowmobile by means of rigid hitch or towbar.

Section 9-7-107 Exceptions to regulations.

Notwithstanding the prohibition of this chapter, the Commission shall have authority to supervise and regulate events or programs in connection with events conducted by the Parks and Recreation Department in which snowmobiles are used. The Commission shall have the authority to designate city park or recreation areas that they shall deem available for use of snowmobiles, and to set the hours of use.

Sections 9-7-108 to 199, inclusive. Reserved.