

**Town of Namakagon  
Snowmobile Route Ordinance  
#17D  
Amended January 12, 2021**

**Town of Namakagon  
Bayfield County  
Cable, Wisconsin**

The Town of Namakagon does repeal and recreate the following:

**Section I Title and Purpose**

The title of this ordinance is the Town of Namakagon Snowmobile Route Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish snowmobile routes that use public roads/fire lanes in the Town of Namakagon and to regulate the operation of snowmobiles on these town roads.

**Section II Authority**

The Town Board of the Town of Namakagon, Bayfield County, Wisconsin, has specific authority to adopt this snowmobile route ordinance under s. 350.18(3)(a) Wis. Stats.

A request must be in writing to the Town Board to consider opening an additional snowmobile route or a modification/amendment to an existing route that would use a town road in the Town of Namakagon and include a petition with two-thirds of the property owner's signatures of the requested route in support of opening the route. The request must be received two weeks prior to a regular scheduled Town Board meeting.

**Section III Adoption of Ordinance**

This ordinance adopted on proper notice with a quorum and roll call vote by a majority of the Town Board present and voting, provides the authority for the town to designate snowmobile routes in the town and to regulate the use of these routes and snowmobiles in the town.

**SECTION IV Operation of Snowmobiles**

Pursuant to s. 350.18(3)(a) Wis. Stats. except as otherwise provided in s. 350.18, Wis. Stats., no person may operate a snowmobile on the roadway portion of any road in the town except on roadways designated as snowmobile routes by this ordinance or as a means for persons to travel from a residence or lodging establishment for the shortest distance that is necessary to gain access to a snowmobile route or trail.

**Section V Designation of Snowmobile routes**

The following town roads/fire lanes shall be open to snowmobile traffic:

1. FR 193 Wilderness Rd. from Ashland County line to FR 191, Old Grade Rd.
2. FR 191 Old Grade Rd. from FR 193 Wilderness Rd. to Grand View town line.
3. FR 341 Ehrman Rd. from FR 191 Old Grade Rd. to Hwy M.
4. Job Corps Rd. from FR 191 to Chippewa Lake.
5. Chippewa Landing Rd. from FR 341 to Chippewa Lake.
6. Old Namakagon Rd., from Hwy M at FR 341 Ehrman Rd. on East to Hwy M at West.
7. FR 204 Ghost Creek Rd. from town line to Old Namakagon Rd.
8. McCloud Lake Rd. where snowmobile trail intersects on East side of road East to where snowmobile trail intersects road on West side.
9. Birch Bend Rd. from junction of County Hwy D and County Hwy M North to County Hwy D.
10. FR 200 McCain Springs Rd. behind Town Hall to FR 203 Lost Land Lake Rd.
11. FR 203 Lost Land Lake Rd. from town line to Garmisch Rd.
12. Garmisch Rd. from FR 203 to Garmisch entrance.
13. FR 207 Rock Lake Rd. from town line to trail at Lakewoods.
14. FR 211 Dam Rd. from trail intersection South of Namakagon River bridge to FR 211B North of bridge.
15. Buffalo Lake Rd. (1.2 miles), aka Pohl Rd. ONLY for the 2020-2021 Season – Authorization will expire March 31, 2021 or when the trails are officially closed for the 2020-2021 Season.

The Town of Namakagon reserves the right to open any road in the town for a snowmobile route due to changing conditions and situations.

#### Section VI **Conditions Applicable to Snowmobilers on Town Roads and Fire Lanes**

The following restrictions are placed on the use of the town roads as snowmobile routes designated by this ordinance every year from December 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>.

- A. Town roadways designated as snowmobile routes shall be marked with uniform snowmobile route signs in accordance with s. 350.13, Wis. Stats. No person may do any of the following in regard to signs marking town snowmobile routes:
  - a. Intentionally remove, damage, deface, move or obstruct any uniform snowmobile route or trail sign or standard of the type established by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources or intentionally interfere with the effective operation of any uniform snowmobile route or trail sign or standard if the sign or standard is legally placed by the state, any municipality or any authorized individual.
  - b. Possess any uniform snowmobile route or trail sign or standard of the type established by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources, for the warning instruction or information of the public, unless he or she obtained the uniform snowmobile route sign or standard in a lawful manner. Possession of a uniform snowmobile route or trail sign or standard creates a rebuttable presumption of illegal possession.
  - c. Only persons authorized by the Town of Namakagon may install trail signs on any snowmobile routes in the town.

- B. Operation shall be subject to all provisions of s. 350.04(2) Wis. Stats., and any other provision of chapter 350 Wis. Stats., which is adopted as a part of this ordinance by reference, pursuant to s. 350.18 Wis. Stats.
- C. Further restrictions:
  - a. Snowmobiles shall be operated on the right shoulder (where possible) of the roadway and travel with the flow of traffic.
  - b. Snowmobiles are to be operated in single file.
  - c. Headlights on at all times.
  - d. Snowmobile operators shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicular traffic and pedestrians.
  - e. All snowmobile operators shall observe posted roadway speed limits.
  - f. All snowmobile operators shall slow the vehicle to 10 mph or less when operating within 150 feet of a dwelling.

#### Section VII **Enforcement**

Any violations while operating snowmobile's on roads in the Town of Namakagon will be enforced by the Town of Namakagon Enforcement Officer or any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

#### Section VIII **Penalties**

The penalties under s. 350.18(3)(a) Wis. Stats., are adopted by reference.

#### Section IX **Severability**

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

#### Section X **Effective Date**

This ordinance is effective on publication or posting.

The town clerk shall properly publish or post this ordinance as required under s.60.80, Wis. Stats.

**This ordinance amends Snowmobile Ordinances #17-32A through 17C and Ordinance #31 dated January 9, 1996 and any other snowmobile ordinances that the town may have on record that were written before the adoption of this ordinance.**

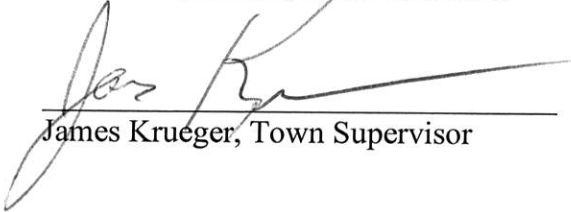
A copy of this ordinance shall be sent by the Town Clerk to the Bayfield County Sheriff's Department, the Law Enforcement Officer, the DNR and State Patrol.

**Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2021 at a regular Town Board meeting.**

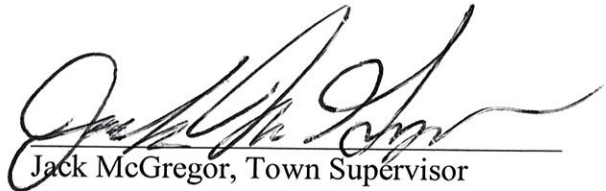
By the Town Board:



Robert Rasmussen, Town Chairman



James Krueger, Town Supervisor



Jack McGregor, Town Supervisor

Attest:



Laura Bjork, Town Clerk

17 – February 12, 1971

17A – May 12, 1981

17B – October 3, 1990

17C – December 14, 2010