

**Business of the Village Board  
Village of Saranac Lake**

SUBJECT: Call for a Public Hearing

DATE: 9-26-2022

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Mayor Williams

BILL # 152-2022

DATE SUBMITTED: 9-21-2022

EXHIBITS: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Village Attorney

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Village Administration

EXPENDITURE  
REQUIRED

AMOUNT  
BUDGETED

APPROPRIATION  
REQUIRED

Call for a Public Hearing Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 5:30 PM for amending Chapter 232-2

MOVED BY: Scollin      SECONDED BY: Shapiro

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR WILLIAMS

yes

TRUSTEE BRUNETTE

yes

TRUSTEE CATILLAZ

yes

TRUSTEE SCOLLIN

yes

TRUSTEE SHAPIRO

yes

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE TO SCHEDULE  
A PUBLIC HEARING TO INTRODUCE A LOCAL LAW AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER  
232-2 OF VILLAGE CODE

WHEREAS, Chapter 232:2 of the Village Code states that there are designated streets and roadways of the Village of Saranac Lake open to the use of snowmobiles, and,

WHEREAS, an amendment to Chapter 232:2 of the Village Code has been proposed that an undesignated street, or section of, be added to the open use of snowmobiles, and,

WHEREAS, this amendment would designate roughly 150 ft. from the intersection of Church Street and Main Street to the Hotel Saranac Parking Lot as useable roadway for snowmobiles.

WHEREAS, the Hotel Saranac has offered the use of their parking lot to guests and visitors.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board sets a Public Hearing for Tuesday, October 11 at 5:30 PM in the Village of Saranac Lake Offices at 39 Main St., for the purpose of gathering public input about the proposed amendment of Chapter 232-2.

**Chapter 232**  
**SNOWMOBILES**

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| § 232-1. Permission for use.             | § 232-6. Regulations, requirements and conditions. |
| § 232-2. Streets designated; exceptions. | § 232-7. Enforcement.                              |
| § 232-3. Age of operator.                | § 232-8. Penalties for offenses.                   |
| § 232-4. Hours of operation.             | § 232-9. Severability.                             |
| § 232-5. Windscreen.                     |  |

**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Saranac Lake 12-13-1971 (Ch. 55A of the 1965 Code). Amendments noted where applicable.]**

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**§ 232-1. Permission for use.**

Snowmobiles, duly registered or exempt therefrom, by the Commissioner of Conservation of New York, shall be permitted to operate upon and use all those certain streets in this Village, as may be hereafter set forth under § 232-2 hereof; and, permission hereunder granted shall be subject to the rules, regulations, requirements and conditions as provided herein.

**§ 232-2. Streets designated; exceptions. [Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I)]**

All streets and roadways of the Village of Saranac Lake are hereby designated as open to the use permitted under § 232-1 hereof, except as follows:

- A. Main Street from Kiwassa Road to Church Street.
- B. Church Street.
- C. Broadway from Main Street to Ampersand Avenue.
- D. Bloomingdale Avenue from Broadway to Church Street.
- E. St. Bernard Street.
- F. Academy Street.
- G. Woodruff Street from Broadway to Church Street.

**§ 232-3. Age of operator.**

No person under the age of 16 years shall operate a snowmobile on any of the streets or roadways within the Village of Saranac Lake.

**§ 232-4. Hours of operation.**

No person shall operate a snowmobile on any of the streets or roadways between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, except on Fridays and Saturdays. The prohibited hours shall be from 12:00 midnight to 7:00 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

**§ 232-5. Windscreen.**

All snowmobiles operating within the Village of Saranac Lake shall be equipped with a windscreen unless the operator thereof wears goggles or a face shield at all times during such operation.

**§ 232-6. Regulations, requirements and conditions.**

Snowmobiles shall be operated on and over the streets and roadways of the Village of Saranac Lake in accordance with the regulations, requirements and conditions hereafter promulgated and set forth, deemed by this Village to be reasonable rules of operation within this Village, which rules are promulgated in order to promote conservation of the local environment, the safety of the persons and property of the public within this Village, and to give effect to the legislative purpose of Article 8 of the Conservation Law of the State of New York<sup>1</sup> within the jurisdictional limits of this municipality, those regulations, requirements and conditions being as follows:

- A. No person shall operate a snowmobile on any sidewalk or right-of-way reserved only for pedestrian traffic, except to cross the same at approximate right angles to reach property upon which operation of snowmobiles is lawful.
- B. A person operating a snowmobile shall ride only upon the permanent and regular seat attached thereto. Such operator shall not carry any other person nor shall any other person ride on a snowmobile unless such snowmobile is designed to carry more than one person, in which event a passenger may ride upon the permanent and regular seat if designed for two persons.
- C. Every operator of a snowmobile shall obey all traffic signs and signals within the Village.

**§ 232-7. Enforcement.**

Every law enforcement officer of the State of New York, the County of Franklin, and Village of Saranac Lake shall enforce the provisions of this chapter.

**§ 232-8. Penalties for offenses.**

Any person who shall violate any of the terms and provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a violation and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$5 and not more than \$100.

<sup>1</sup> Editor's Note: State provisions on snowmobiles are now contained in Title D of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law.

**§ 232-9. Severability.**

The provisions hereof are to be considered as separable and separate and are not intended to conflict with the provisions of Article 8 of the New York State Conservation Law<sup>2</sup>; and if any provisions shall be in conflict with Article 8 of the Conservation Law of New York, or fail to be a valid regulation for any reason, then the remaining provisions shall have the same force and effect as though said conflict or failure had not occurred.

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