Ordinance # 96-01 / 2001-01

SNOWMOBILE RESIDENTIAL ACCESS ORDINANCE

A SOLE ORDINANCE TO ALLOW SNOWMOBILE ACCESS FROM A RESIDENCE OR LODGING ESTABLISHMENT TO A SONWOMOBILE ROUTE OR TRAIL IN THE TOWN OF BAYFIELD AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

The Town of Bayfield Board of Supervisors do ordain as follows:

Section I. Intent.

The intent of this ordinance is to provide a means for persons residing in and/or staying at a lodging establishment within the Town of Bayfield to travel for the shortest distance that is necessary for a person to operate to a snowmobile route or trail that is closest to that residence or lodging establishment.

Section II. Statutory Authority.

This ordinance is adopted as authorized under Wis. Stat. 350.18(3)(a).

Section III. Designated Roadways and/or Highways.

No person shall operate a snowmobile on a roadway or shoulder of a highway not designated as a snowmobile route other than the following: (a) when traveling the shortest distance to a snowmobile route or trail.

Section IV. Conditions

This ordinance allows the roadways and/or shoulders of specific highways for snowmobile travel by persons residing in or staying at a lodging establishment within the limits of the Town of Bayfield to travel for the shortest distance that is necessary to reach the snowmobile trail or route that is closest to that residence or lodging establishment subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Snowmobiles shall be operated on the extreme right side of the roadway and travel with the flow of traffic.
- 2. Snowmobiles are to be operated in single file.
- 3. Headlights should be on at all times.
- 4. Snowmobile operators shall yield right-of-way to other vehicular traffic and pedestrians.

Snowmobiles violating any of the above conditions would be subject to the underlying violation of operating on the roadway.

Section V. Speed

A snowmobile operated on a portion of the roadway or shoulder of a highway pursuant to this ordinance shall observe speed of 35 miles per hour or less.

Section VI. Enforcement

This ordinance shall be enforced by law enforcement officers of the City of Bayfield and Bayfield County.

Section VII. Penalties

Wisconsin state snowmobile penalties as found in Statute 350.11(1)(a), Wis. Stat., are adopted reference.

Section VIII. Severability

The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Ton Board would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section IX. Effective Date.

This ordinance will be ongoing from this date or until need dictates otherwise, and will be effective upon passage and publication.

Passed this 17th day of December 2001.

Town of Bayfield

Thomas J. Gordon, Chair

Attest by:

Jane E. Hauser. Clerk

Date of Publication: Dec. 27, 2001