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CHAPTER 7

TRAFFIC CODE

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13 **7.01 PARKING**

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- 15 (1) GENERAL PROVISIONS. No person shall stop or leave any vehicle standing
- 16 upon any portion of a highway where and at the time when parking is prohibited,
- 17 limited or restricted by an official traffic sign. Exceptions are made for the
- 18 loading or unloading or in receiving or discharging passengers or cargo and while
- 19 the vehicle is attended by a licensed operator, so that it may promptly be moved in
- 20 case of an emergency or to avoid obstruction of traffic.
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- 22 (2) NO PARKING AREAS. No parking will be allowed on any portion of a Town
- 23 road which has been designated and marked by the Town Board as a “No Parking
- 24 Area.”
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- 26 (a) EXCEPTION. In the event that a resident is hosting a gathering at his/her
- 27 residence where many guests are expected he/she may request permission
- 28 from the Town Chair to allow parking in no parking areas.
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- 30 (3) SNOW SEASON PARKING. No person shall park or leave standing any motor
- 31 vehicle on any street, road or highway right-of-way in the Town from November
- 32 1st of any year through April 15th of the following year, except by permit issued
- 33 by the Town Chair.
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- 35 (4) PENALTY. Except as otherwise provided, any person found to be in violation of
- 36 any provision of this Chapter shall be subject to a penalty as provided in Section
- 37 25.04 of the General Code. Further, any vehicle found in violation of this section
- 38 shall be towed by the Town at the owner’s expense. The cost of towing and
- 39 impoundment charges shall be paid before release of the vehicle to the owner.
- 40 Any vehicle impounded which has not been lawfully claimed shall be disposed of
- 41 in accordance with Wis. Stats. §342.40.
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43 **7.02 SNOWMOBILES.**

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- 45 (1) STATE SNOWMOBILE LAWS ADOPTED. Except as otherwise specifically
- 46 provided in this chapter, the statutory provisions describing and defining
- 47 regulations with respect to snowmobiles in the following enumerated sections of
- 48 the Wisconsin Statutes are hereby adopted by reference and made part of this
- 49 section as if fully set forth herein. Acts required to be performed or prohibited by
- 50 such statutes are required or prohibited by this section.
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- 52 350.01 Definitions
- 53 350.02 Operation of Snowmobiles on or in Vicinity of Highway
- 54 350.03 Right-of-Way
- 55 350.04 Snowmobile Races, Derbies and Routes
- 56 350.045 Public Utility Exemption
- 57 350.047 Local Ordinance to be Filed
- 58 350.05 Operation by Youthful Operators Established
- 59 350.055 Safety Certification Program Established

60	350.07	Driving Animals
61	350.08	Owner Permitting Operation
62	350.09	Head Lamps, Tail Lamps and Brakes
63	350.10	Miscellaneous Provisions for Snowmobile Operation
64	350.12	Registration of Snowmobiles
65	350.13	Uniform Trail Signs and Standards
66	350.15	Accidents and Accident Reports
67	350.17	Enforcement
68	350.18	Local Ordinances
69	350.19	Liability of Landowners
70	167.31	Firearms and Bows

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- 72 (2) **APPLICABILITY OF RULES OF THE ROAD TO SNOWMOBILES.** The
- 73 operator of a snowmobile upon a roadway shall, in addition to the provisions of
- 74 Ch. 350, be subject to Wis. Stats. §§346.04, 346.06, 346.11, 346.14(l), 346.18,
- 75 346.19, 346.20, 346.21, 346.26, 346.27, 346.33, 346.35, 346.37, 346.39, 346.40,
- 76 346.44, 346.46, 346.47, 346.48, 346.50(l)(b), 346.51, 346.52, 346.53, 346.54,
- 77 346.55, 346.87, 346.88, 346.89, 346.90, 346.91, 346.92(l) and 346.94(l), (6), (6m)
- 78 and (9).
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- 80 (3) **PERMITTING OPERATION BY IMPROPER PERSONS PROHIBITED.** No
- 81 owner or person having charge or control of a snowmobile shall authorize or
- 82 permit any person to operate such snowmobile who is not permitted under State
- 83 law to operate such snowmobile or who is under the influence of an intoxicant or
- 84 a dangerous or narcotic drug.
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- 86 (4) **OPERATION WHILE UNDER INFLUENCE PROHIBITED.** Wis. Stats.
- 87 §346.63 shall apply to the operation of a snowmobile anywhere within the Town.
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- 89 (5) **WRITTEN CONSENT OF PROPERTY OWNER REQUIRED.** The consent
- 90 required under Wis. Stats. §§350.10(1)(f), 350:10(1)(k), 350:10(1)(l), and
- 91 350:10(1)(m) shall be written consent, dated and limited to the year in which the
- 92 consent is given. If the property is owned or leased by more than one person, the
- 93 consent of each shall be obtained.
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95 **7.03 OFFICIAL TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS.**

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- 97 (1) **TOWN BOARD RESPONSIBLE.** The Town Board shall procure, erect and
- 98 maintain appropriate standard traffic signs, signals and markings conforming to
- 99 the rules of the State Department of Transportation giving notice of the provisions
- 100 of this chapter as required by State law. Signs shall be erected in such locations
- 101 and in such manner as the Town Board determines will best effect the purposes of
- 102 this chapter and give adequate warning to users of the streets and highways.
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- 104 (2) **REMOVAL OF UNOFFICIAL SIGNS AND SIGNALS.** The Town Board shall
- 105 have the authority granted by Wis. Stats. §349.09 and shall order the removal of a
- 106 sign, signal, marking or device placed, maintained or displayed in violation of this

chapter or Wis. Stats. §346.41. Any charge imposed on any premises for removal of an illegal sign, signal or device shall be reported to the Town Board at its next regular meeting for review and certification.

7.04 ALL-TERRAIN/UTILITY-TERRAIN VEHICLE ROUTES

- (1) Wis. Stat. Section 23.33, as now written, and as hereafter amended, is adopted in its entirety to govern the rules and operation of All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) and Utility-Terrain Vehicles (UTV) in the Town of River Falls, Piece County, Wisconsin.
- (2) All Town roads in the Town of River Falls shall be designated ATV and UTV routes in the Town of River Falls and shall be identified as such.
- (3) The provisions of this section may be enforced by any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

7.05 IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY.

- (1) Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §348.15(9)(f) all implements of husbandry operated on Town roads, including Category B implements of husbandry defined in Wis. Stat. §340.01(24)(a)1.b, shall not exceed the weight limits imposed by Wis. Stat. §348.15(3)(g).
- (2) A no-fee permit may be applied for by an applicant seeking to exceed the length and/or weight limitation on Town highways. Application shall be made to the Town Zoning Administrator. Any permit issued by the Town Zoning Administrator shall be in compliance with Wis. Stats. Chapter 348.
- (3) In the event an application for a no-fee permit is made for a Category B implement of husbandry as defined in Wis. Stat. §340.01(24)(a)1.b, the Town shall as necessary and pursuant to Wis. Stat. §348.27(19)(b)4m.a, provide an approved alternate route. Where the only basis to deny the application is the listing or map of highways accompanying the application, the Town shall modify the application to include an approved alternate route or map of highways for operation of the implement of husbandry and approve the application. The approved alternate route may include highways not under Town jurisdiction only upon prior approval of the maintaining authority having jurisdiction over the alternate route(s) for operation of such implements of husbandry.
- (4) Where the Town denies a permit application under Section 7.05(3) of the General Code, it shall notify the applicant in writing of the denial and the notice given to the applicant shall include a reasonable and structurally-based explanation of the denial that relates to the preservation of the roadway.

153 **7.06 PENALTY.** Except as otherwise provided, any person found to be in violation of
154 any provision of this chapter shall be subject to a penalty as provided in Section 25.04.