

Model

year 2011

350.18 * Snowmobile vehicle routes ordinance.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Town of ORANGE Juneau County

SECTION I – TITLE AND PURPOSE

The title of this ordinance is the Town of Orange Snowmobile Route Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish snowmobile routes in the town and to regulate the operation of snowmobiles in the town.

SECTION II – AUTHORITY

The town board has the specific authority to adopt this Snowmobile Route Ordinance under s. 350.18, Wis. stats. [and if applicable, and general authority under its village powers under s. 60.22, Wis. stats.]

SECTION III – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance, adopted by a majority of the town board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, designates snowmobile routes in the town and provides for the regulation of the use of those trails.

SECTION IV – DESIGNATION OF SNOWMOBILE ROUTES

The following routes are designated snowmobile routes in the town: [list road names and designate parts of roads and locations affected or attach a plat map to the ordinance with designated highways marked as snowmobile routes].

SECTION V – CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO SNOWMOBILE ROUTES

The following restrictions are placed on the use of the town snowmobile routes designated by this resolution during the following periods of the year:

A. Town highways designated as snowmobile routes shall be marked with uniform snowmobile route signs in accordance with s. 350.13, Wis. stats. [and if the town has village powers it may add No person may do any of the following in regard to signs marking town snowmobile routes:

1. 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.

2. 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 or trail 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.]



Winter Wanderers Snowmobile Club
PO Box 106
New Lisbon, WI 53950

August 24, 2011

Town of Orange
Mike Keichinger, Chairman
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New Lisbon, WI 53950

RE: Request for Designation of Snowmobile Route

Dear Mr. Keichinger:

The Winter Wanderers Snowmobile Club requests your consideration of designating approximately 1000 feet of Orange Mill/Schroeder Road starting immediate south of the railroad tracks to approximately 300 feet south of the bridge that crosses the Little Lemonweir River as a snowmobile route. This request for the Orange Mill/Schroeder Road snowmobile route designation is to provide a "connector route" for the adjoining private lands snowmobile trail. This designation request is authorized under s.350.18(3)(a) Wis Stats.

As you are aware, snowmobiling in Juneau County has been a long family tradition. The Juneau County has approximately 256 miles of snowmobile trails funded under the State Trail Aids Program. The Winter Wanderers Snowmobile Club maintains approximately 85 miles of the funded trails and some 20 miles of club funded trails. The current snowmobile trail that parallels State Hwy 12/16 between New Lisbon and Camp Douglas has supported snowmobile travel for many years. In recent years, the additions of driveways and high water tables have, in our opinion, reduced the safety factor of this trail. To ensure that the safety of the snowmobile operator and other highway and road users, the Winter Wanderers have obtained private land owners permission to relocate the Hwy12/16 trail to private lands in and about the southern side of the existing rail road tracks which will ensure a safer and more viable snowmobile trail for local, state, and visiting snowmobilers.

The Winter Wanderers Snowmobile Club is committed to work with the Town of Orange regarding signage to ensure the safety of all users of this section of Orange Mill/Schroeder Road.

We ask you that you affirm our request to ensure all users safety, the continuing of snowmobile recreational opportunities and trails, and snowmobilers support of the local economy.

Respectfully,

Jerry Van Natta, President
Winter Wanderers Snowmobile Club

Enclosures: (1) Model Ordinance (from the State Snowmobile Council)
(2) Map of the Section of Orange Mill/Schroeder Road

Cc: Brian Loyd, Administrator, Juneau County Land, Forestry and Park Department