

Title 12

MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAFFIC OFFENSES, SNOWMOBILES*

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CHAPTER 1. IN GENERAL

Sec. 12-101. Adoption of Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways; exceptions.

(a) The Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways, as set forth in W.S. 31-2-205 through 31-7-117, in effect as of July 1, 2021, and as may be amended from time to time, is adopted herein by reference as if fully set forth herein; provided, however, that the following statute sections or subsections thereof are specifically excluded from this adoption:

- (1) W.S. 31-2-225;
- (2) W.S. 31-4-103;
- (3) W.S. 31-5-118;
- (4) W.S. 31-5-225;
- (5) W.S. 31-5-229;
- (6) W.S. 31-5-233—31-5-235;
- (7) W.S. 31-5-959;
- (8) W.S. 31-5-1009;
- (9) W.S. 31-5-1101—31-5-1112;
- (10) W.S. 31-5-1201;
- (11) W.S. 31-5-1206;
- (12) W.S. 31-5-1501—31-5-1507.

(b) Except and unless a specific penalty is provided and adopted in this title for violation of an adopted provision of the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic On Highways, a violation of the adopted provisions of the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic On Highways shall be punishable by a fine of up to three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

(c) A copy of the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways, as adopted by this section, is on file in Town Hall for examination and inspection during normal business hours.
(Ord. No. 3-2023, § 12-101, 11-22-2023)

Sec. 12-102. Definitions.

All definitions contained in the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways, as adopted in Section 12-101, shall apply to all chapters contained in this title.
(Ord. No. 3-2023, § 12-102, 11-22-2023)

- d. In crossing a divided highway, the crossing is made only at the intersection of such highways with another public street or highway;
 - (11) While towing a sled, toboggan or other object, except with solid hitch;
 - (12) If the operator does not hold a valid, current driver's license or is not accompanied by a licensed driver who is actually occupying a seat on the snowmobile while such snowmobile is being operated;
 - (13) Abreast of another snowmobile;
 - (14) Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and one-half (½) hour before sunrise;
 - (15) In any Town park or recreation area controlled by the Town, except when posted as open to snowmobiles and within the hours permitted;
 - (16) Upon private property other than that of the snowmobile owner or operator, without express permission of the owner;
 - (17) While carrying a bow or firearm, unless the same is securely encased;
 - (18) Without observing all traffic signs, signals, rules and regulations applying to motor vehicles; or
 - (19) So as to allow or permit the snowmobile to be or remain unattended on public property, streets, highways or other public grounds or places while the motor is running or with keys to start such snowmobile in the ignition switch.
- (Ord. No. 3-2023, § 12-401, 11-22-2023)

Sec. 12-302. Prohibited vehicles.

No snowmobile or other over-snow vehicle shall be operated within the Town which is propeller driven or which has tracks capable of damaging a road surface, or which has a gross weight exceeding one thousand seven hundred fifty (1,750) pounds.

(Ord. No. 3-2023, § 12-402, 11-22-2023)

Sec. 12-303. Inspection.

The Town Police may at any time, upon reasonable cause to believe that a snowmobile is unsafe or not equipped as required by this section, or that its equipment is not in proper adjustment or repair, require the operator of such snowmobile to stop and submit such snowmobile to an inspection and test with reference thereto as may be appropriate. No person shall operate any snowmobile after receiving such notice with reference thereto as above provided, until such snowmobile and its equipment have been properly repaired and adjusted and otherwise made to conform to the requirements of this section; provided, however, this section shall not prohibit a person from returning said snowmobile to the residence of the owner.

(Ord. No. 3-2023, § 12-403, 11-22-2023)

(h) Violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of up to three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

(Ord. No. 3-2023, § 12-301, 11-22-2023)

CHAPTER 3. SNOWMOBILES

Sec. 12-301. Operation.

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any snowmobile at any place within the Town for recreational use. It shall be lawful for any person to drive or operate a snowmobile within the Town if the operator is traveling directly from the operator's place of residence out of town or from out of town directly to the operator's place of residence within the Town, and in any event, the operator shall not operate the snowmobile:

- (1) On Highways 14, 16, 14-16, or on Big Horn Avenue, except to cross;
- (2) At a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under all surrounding circumstances;
- (3) In a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the person or property of another or to cause injury or damage to such person or property;
- (4) While under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance, which, if the operator was operating a motor vehicle, would be in violation of the provisions of W.S. 31-5-233;
- (5) Without a lighted head lamp and tail lamp when required for safety;
- (6) In any planting area in a manner which damages or destroys growing stock;
- (7) Without a muffler in good working order and connected to the snowmobile exhaust system;
- (8) Without brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold the snowmobile;
- (9) On the sidewalks of the Town, except where necessary to enter or emerge from an alley within the Town;
- (10) On direct crossing of a highway, street or alley unless:
 - a. The crossing is made at an angle of approximately ninety (90) degrees to the direction of the highway, street or alley and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing;
 - b. The snowmobile is brought to a complete stop before crossing the shoulder or main-traveled way of the highway, street or alley;
 - c. The driver yields the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic which constitutes an immediate hazard; and

CHAPTER 2. PARKING

Sec. 12-201. Parking and street use restrictions; penalty.

(a) The parking restrictions of this section are in addition to the provisions of W.S. 31-5-501 through 31-5-512 of the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways as adopted in Section 12-101.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the term "recreational vehicle" means a motorized vehicle, or a non-motorized vehicle which can be driven or towed by a motorized vehicle, which is primarily designed for temporary living accommodations for recreational, camping and/or travel use, including, but not limited to, motorized motorhomes, motorized camping vans, camp/travel trailers, pop-up camp trailers, and slide-in pick-up box campers (but not pick-up box toppers).

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to park, leave, place or let stand on any public highway, street or alley within the Town or on any Town parking area any vehicle which is not currently licensed to be operated or towed on public highways or which is inoperable, or which cannot be safely operated or towed.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any person to park, leave, place or let stand on any public highway, street or alley within the Town or on any Town parking area any construction equipment, construction machinery, construction materials or supplies, and excavated material, excluding motor vehicles, for more than fourteen (14) days within any sixty (60) day period; except and unless actively in use in connection with an ongoing construction project on property adjoining the public highway, street or alley at such location or within the parking area, and only to the extent permitted by the Town Police Department.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any person to park, leave, place or let stand on any public highway, street or alley within the Town any vehicle if any part of the vehicle extends onto or over any public sidewalk or onto or over the travel lane of the public highway, street or alley, or blocks or limits access to any private driveway or blocks or limits access to any business.

(f) Parking of motor vehicles or trailers is permitted upon any public street, alley or highway within the Town, provided such parking does not constitute a safety hazard and further provided that any such parking is short-term. For the purpose of this section, the term "short-term parking" means the continuous parking of any motor vehicle or trailer for not more than fourteen (14) consecutive days in any twenty-one (21) day period. It shall be unlawful to continuously park any motor vehicle or trailer on any public street, alley or highway within the Town for more than fourteen (14) consecutive days in any twenty-one (21) day period.

(g) Unless otherwise marked with paint or directed by signage, every vehicle stopped or parked upon a two-way roadway shall be stopped or parked in the direction of authorized traffic movement with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel to and within eighteen (18) inches of the right-hand curb or as close as practicable to the right edge of the right-hand shoulder.

Sec. 12-304. Penalty.

Violation of any provision of this chapter shall be punishable by a fine of up to three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

(Ord. No. 3-2023, § 12-404, 11-22-2023)

Sec. 12-305. Legal status.

Whenever there is a discrepancy between the requirements of these regulations and any other Town regulations, the most restrictive shall apply.

(Ord. No. 3-2023, § 12-502, 11-22-2023)