

CITY OF LE ROY

ORDINANCE NO. 107

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SNOWMOBILE OPERATIONS
IN CITY OF LE ROY, ILLINOIS

ADOPTED BY THE
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF LE ROY, ILL.

THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1979

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE, LeROY, ILLINOIS, 1975, CHAPTER 41, TRAFFIC.

WHEREAS, the Illinois Revised Statutes (as amended) provide that the corporate authorities of an Illinois municipality may adopt ordinances providing for trails and regulating snowmobile operations within the city;

AND WHEREAS, the Municipal authorities of the City of LeRoy, Illinois, have determined that it is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare to provide for trails and the regulation of snowmobile operations with the City of LeRoy, Illinois,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LeROY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Chapter 41, Traffic, of the Municipal Code, LeRoy, Illinois, 1975, as amended, is hereby further amended by addition of Section 41.18 through 49 which are hereby designated as "Reserved".

Section 2. That Chapter 41, Traffic, Municipal Code, LeRoy, Illinois, 1975, as amended, is hereby further amended by addition of Section 41.50, Regulation of the Use of Snowmobiles and Provision for Snowmobile Trails and Routes, as follows:

(a) All provisions of the Illinois "Snowmobile Registration and Safety Act", otherwise known as Sections 601-1 through 611-1, Chapter 95 1/2 - Motor Vehicles, Illinois Revised Statutes (as amended), are hereby adopted by reference, the same as if all such provisions were set out in full in this ordinance.

(b) All provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared supplemental to, but not inconsistent with, the provisions of the Illinois State Statutes previously set forth.

(c) Registration

(i). Operation of Unregistered Snowmobiles - Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall, after the effective date of this ordinance, operate any snowmobile within the municipal limits of the City of LeRoy unless such snowmobile has been registered and numbered in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, and the identifying number is displayed in a location on the snowmobile as shall be directed by the Marshall of the City of LeRoy.

(ii). Identification Number Application - The owner of each snowmobile requiring registration and numbering by this ordinance shall file an application for number with the City Clerk on forms provided by the clerk. The applications shall be signed by the owner of the snowmobile and shall be accompanied by a fee of Two Dollars (\$2.00), which number shall be granted for an initial period after the effective date of this ordinance until September 30, 1981; and subsequent periods shall be for a period of two years or any part thereof. Before a registration number shall be issued and registration accepted, the owner must supply satisfactory proof of identification including a valid vehicle driver's license and proof of registration with the State of Illinois, including the Illinois registration number. Upon receipt of the application in approved form, the City Clerk shall enter the same upon the records of his office and issue to the applicant an identification number to be attached to the snowmobile in accordance with this ordinance.

(iii). Identification Number Display - The owner shall attach the identification number to the snowmobile in a place and manner approved by the City Marshall.

(iv). Sale or Transfer - An owner shall have a separate identification number for each snowmobile he owns. An identification number may be transferred from one snowmobile owned by one owner to a new snowmobile purchased by the same owner but an identification number is not transferrable between two snowmobiles owned at the same time by one owner. Upon sale or transfer of the snowmobile to a new owner, a new identification number must be applied for.

(v). Loss of Identification Number - Should an identification number become lost, destroyed or mutilated beyond legibility, the owner of the snowmobile shall make application to the City Clerk for replacement of the identification number, giving his name, address, and the number of the snowmobile and shall at the same time pay the City Clerk a fee of One Dollar (\$1.00).

(vi). All records of the City Clerk made or kept under this ordinance shall be public records.

(vii). Every identification number given under this ordinance shall continue in full force and effect until terminated or discontinued in accordance with this ordinance or any amending or repealing ordinance.

(viii). The City Clerk shall keep a registration list of all identification numbers issued, and the name and address of the owner to which the said identification number was issued.

(d) Snowmobile Routes

(i). It shall be unlawful to operate a snowmobile within the city limits of the City of LeRoy, except upon property owned by the snowmobile operator or upon which the owner has given express permission to the operator of the snowmobile to be upon, or upon the portions of the highways designated in a map of the City of LeRoy entitled "Snowmobile Route", attached to and made a part of this ordinance, which delineates certain highways as permissible for snowmobile traffic within said city limits, or upon any highways which afford the most direct and safest course to the snowmobile route to or from the point where the snowmobile is housed, or to and from the point of entry or exit of the snowmobile to or from the city limits of the City of LeRoy.

(ii). Snowmobiles may not at any time be operated on public school grounds, park property, playgrounds, or other recreational areas unless specifically permitted within the municipal limits of the City of LeRoy.

(iii). Snowmobiles may not be operated within the following described area: the central business district defined as that area south of the north side of Cherry Street, west of the west side of Walnut Street, north of the south side of Pine Street, and east of the east side of Pearl Street, excepting the most direct and safest route from the previously described east-west snowmobile route, generally along Vine Street, north from Route 150 (Cedar Street) along East Street to the city parking lot located in the city block bordered by East, Pine and Chestnut Streets and the city alley on the north bisecting the block.

(e) Snowmobile Equipment

(i). All snowmobiles operated within the municipal limits of the city of LeRoy shall be equipped as designated under the state statutes regarding operation and equipping of snowmobiles. The headlamp required shall be lighted whenever the snowmobile is running.

(ii). A safety or so called "dead man" throttle in operating condition is required as a part of the operating equipment of the snowmobile of any snowmobile operator within the municipal limits of the City of LeRoy; a safety or "dead man" throttle is defined as a device which when pressure is removed from the accelerator or throttle causes the motor to be disengaged from the driving track.

(f) Control and Operating Provisions

(i). Unless other speed restrictions are established by the posting of speed limit signs under the authority of the city council, the maximum speed limit for operation of any snowmobile within the limits of the City of LeRoy shall be 15 miles per hour.

(ii) Racing - No person shall engage in any race on any street or alley within the corporate limits of the City of LeRoy where a snowmobile may be otherwise operated. "Race" means the act of two or more individuals competing either by acceleration or from passing or overtaking another individual in competing for time or position.

(iii). Snowmobiles shall be operated on all designated roadways as close as possible to the right hand side of the roadway.

(iv). The operator shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is prudent with regard to the speed of the operators and the preceding vehicle and the traffic upon and condition of the roadway.

(v). Signals of intention to turn right or left are required to be given during the last 100 feet of travel when the snowmobile is travelling on any highway within the municipality preparatory to turning.

(vi). Unattended snowmobiles - It is unlawful for the owner or operator of any snowmobile operated within the limits of the City of LeRoy to leave or allow a snowmobile to be or remain unattended on public property while the motor is running or with the keys for starting the snowmobile left in the ignition.

(vii). Traffic regulations - Each person operating a snowmobile shall strictly observe all traffic signs and signals and all other traffic rules and regulations applicable thereto, and shall obey the orders and directions of any police officer of the city authorized to direct or regulate traffic.

(viii). Accidents - Any operator involved in any accident with another snowmobile or any motor vehicle or pedestrian shall make accident reports in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois State Snowmobile Registration Act, Chapter 95 1/2, Article VI, Section 606-1, Illinois Revised Statutes (as amended).

(g) Violations - Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance, including any provisions of the state law that is adopted herein by reference, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances heretofore adopted and in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of LeRoy, Illinois, on the 17th day of December, 1979, and deposited and filed in the office of the City Clerk in said City on that date.

Elected Aldermen 6
Present 5

AYE Bruce Owens, Randy Zimmerman, Jerry Davis, Jack Gassaway, Tom Bealor

NAY None

Jeanita Hagley
City Clerk of the City of
LeRoy, Illinois

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of LeRoy, Illinois, this
17th day of December, 1979.

John Ross
Mayor of the City of
LeRoy, Illinois

ATTEST:
Jeanita Hagley
City Clerk of the City of LeRoy,
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NOTICE!!!!

SNOWMOBILE OWNERS - CITY OF LE ROY

AND SURROUNDING AREAS

IDENTIFICATION DISPLAY

THE OWNER IS REQUIRED, AT OWNERS EXPENSE: To supply letters and numbers of a reflective material no less than 2" in height for letters (LR) and numbers designated, no less than 4" in height, and affix the same at the center front portion of the snowmobile cowling or body so that it can be readily observed.

The lettering and numbers shall be of contrasting color to their background and be maintained in a legible condition.

These letters and numbers are in addition to the Illinois Snowmobile registration number and shall be displayed as such:

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Snowmobilers Advised Of Four New Regulations

Snowmobilers this winter still won't be allowed to ride alongside state, interstate, toll or limited-access highways in Illinois, but after January 1 they may edge five feet closer to other roadways.

This was one of four state snowmobile regulation changes announced recently by the Department of Conservation. Two are brand new rules and two are changes in existing regulations, but none goes into effect before the first of the year.

After January 1, snowmobilers riding parallel to a roadway other than a state, interstate, toll or limited-access highway may come as close as 10 feet to that artery. The present limit is 15 feet.

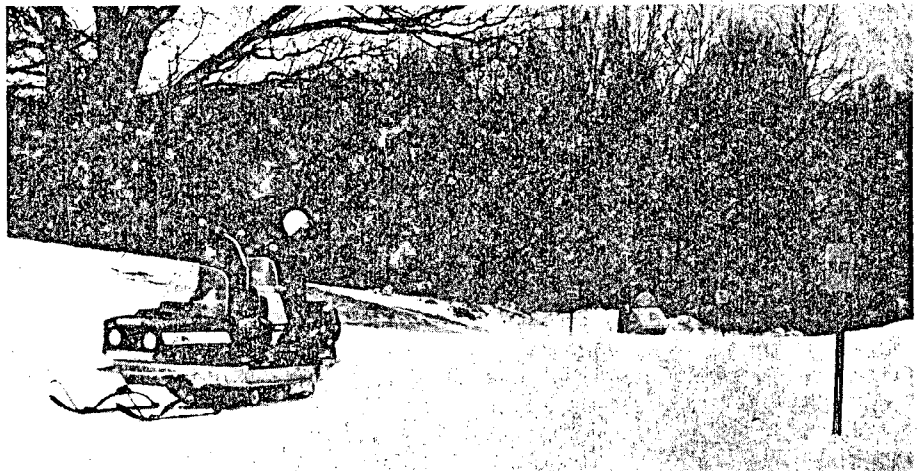
However, communities still will be empowered to adopt ordinances providing for variances from the 10-foot requirement for roadways within their boundaries--other than the four types excluded.

The law governing operation of a snowmobile on frozen public waters of the state will become somewhat more restrictive. In the regulation's new version, frozen water areas which have been cleared of snow for the benefit of iceskaters will be off-limits to snowmobiles unless it is necessary to traverse such an area for access to or exit from a public pond, lake or stream. The law currently in effect merely recites that "snowmobiles may be operated on the frozen public waters of the state, subject to the rules and regulations of the Department of Conservation."

Beginning January 1, it will be unlawful to operate a snowmobile within 100 feet of a dwelling between midnight and 6 a.m. at a speed greater than the minimum required to maintain forward movement of the vehicle. This provision, however, will not apply on private property

where verbal or written consent of the owner or lessee has been granted.

Henceforth, it also will be unlawful for a snowmobiler operating on the state's frozen waters to come within 100 feet of a fisherman or skater, except at the minimum speed required to maintain the machine's forward movement.



Two new snowmobile regulations and revamped version of two others go into effect Jan. 1. Learn them, and you won't have to watch over your shoulder for DOC Law Enforcement officers, as drivers above seem to be doing.

While the two regulations pertaining to iceskaters may appear redundant or a duplication, such is not the case, a DOC Law Enforcement spokesman said. One, it was pointed out, refers to an area deliberately cleared of snow for skating purposes, while the second protects skaters--and fishermen, as well--on ice cleared by wind action or where no snow has fallen.

Six More Skiing Sites Announced

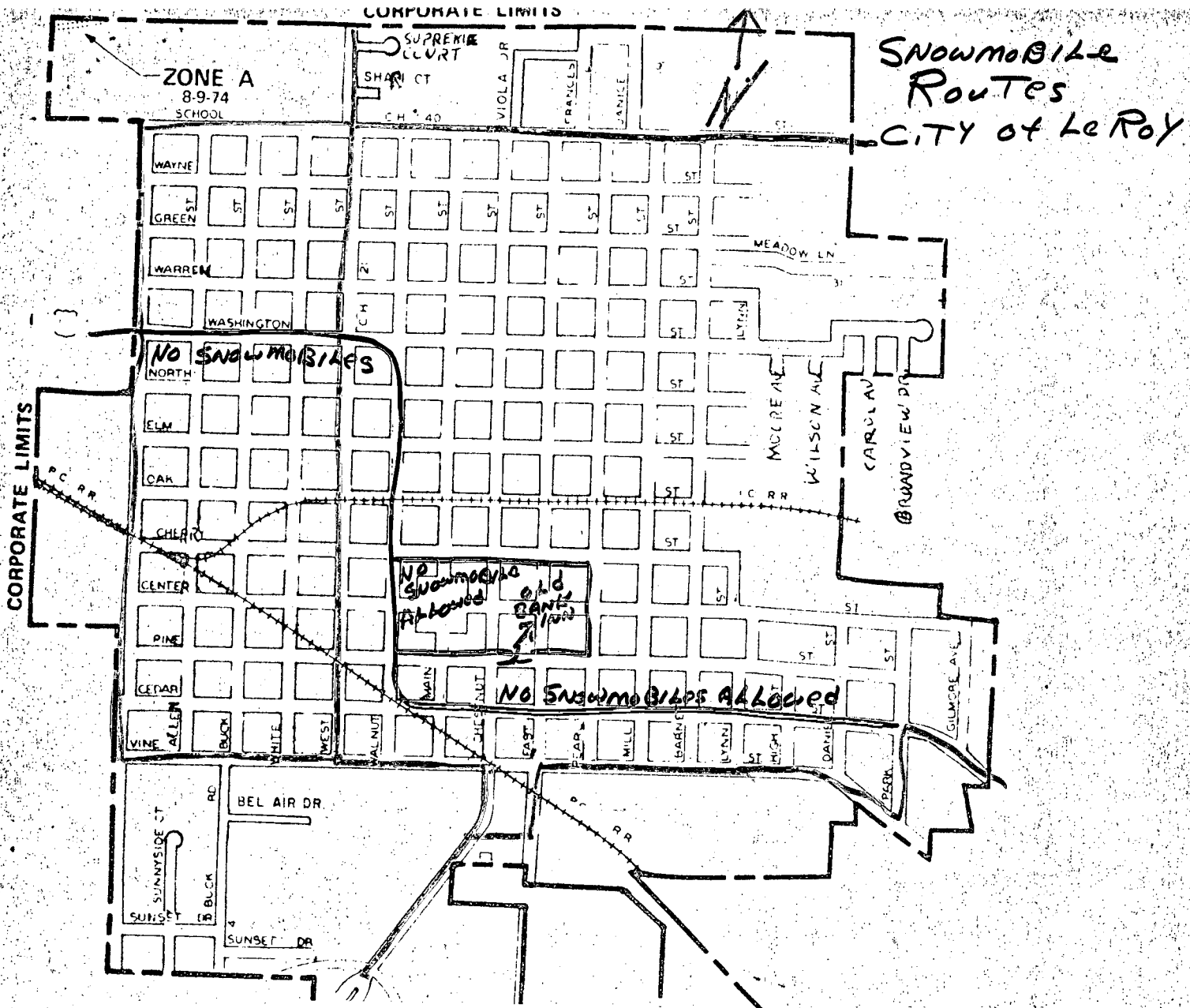
Six more sites have been added to the 23 Department of Conservation properties announced earlier as areas where facilities for cross country skiing and snowshoeing will be available.

The six sites and the lengths of their cross country ski trails are: Castle Rock State Park, near Oregon in Ogle County, three miles; Marshall County Conservation Area, near Lacon, 4.3 miles; Starved Rock State Park, LaSalle County, two miles; Matthiessen State Park, adjacent to Starved Rock, three miles; Morrison-Rockwood State Park, near Morrison in Whiteside County, eight miles; and Illinois Beach State Park, near Zion, Lake County, five miles.

Picnicking and toilet facilities will be available at the Castle Rock, Marshall County, Starved

Rock and Matthiessen sites. The lodge at Starved Rock and Holiday Inn at Illinois Beach also will be open to skiers. Toilets are the only facilities, other than the trails, available at Morrison-Rockwood.

State cross-country skiing sites announced earlier this month were: Chain O'Lakes, Lake Le-Aqua-Na, Moraine Hills, Moraine View, Weldon Springs, Johnson-Sauk Trail, Jubilee College, Kankakee River, Mississippi Palisades, Argyle Lake, Goose Lake Prairie, Buffalo Rock, Rock Cut, Shabbona Lake, Siloam Springs, Silver Springs, and White Pines Forest state parks; Big River and Sand Ridge State Forests; Illinois-Michigan Canal and Hennepin Canal parkways; Black Hawk State Historic Site; and Spring Lake Conservation Area.



Red - NO SNOWMOBILE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL

Blue - PREFERRED SNOWMOBILE ROUTE THRU TOWN!

Green - SPECIAL ALLOWED AREAS

ANYTHING UNMARKED, PERMISSABLE TO OPERATE LAWFULLY!
 James E. Staudage
 Chief of Police

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