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GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 70.01 REGULATION OF SNOWMOBILES.

(A) All regulations regarding snowmobiles enacted by the Wisconsin Statutes, under Wis. Stat. §§ 350.01 through 350.19, shall be in full force and effect.

(B) Snowmobiles may be operated from private residences on all town roads only for the purpose of going to or returning from the nearest designated trails and routes.

(C) All town roads are designed for the operation of snowmobiles.

(D) Snowmobiles shall not exceed speeds of 35 miles per hour when operated on plowed roads within the town. Snowmobiles shall travel in single file on the extreme right side of the road.

(E) Any infringement of this section shall be punishable in accordance with penalties established under Wisconsin Statutes.

(Ord. passed 1-16-96)

§ 70.02 DECREASING SPEED LIMITS.

(A) The Town Board determines that the statutory speed limits on the following highways or portions thereof are unreasonable, unsafe or imprudent and modifies such speed limits as follows.

(B) Speed limits are decreased as hereinafter set forth upon the following highways or portions thereof:

(1) Forty-five miles per hour on County Road Q beginning at its intersection with STH 64 thence north to the intersection with Allman Avenue, thence east on Allman Avenue to the city limits.

(2) Forty-five miles per hour on Cedar Street from the city limits west to its intersection with CTH Q.

(3) Twenty-five miles per hour from a point where Gibson Street intersects with County Truck "O" northerly to a point where Gibson Street intersects with West Conrad Drive.

(4) Thirty-five miles per hour from a point where Allman Street intersects with County Truck "Q" easterly to a point where the city limits begin.

(5) Forty-five miles per hour from a point where River Road intersects with the city limits north to Center Avenue.

(Ord. 15-89, passed 3-8-89; Am. Ord. 17-89, passed 5-10-90; Am. Ord. 36, passed 6-11-02; Am. Ord. 4-07-05-1, passed 4-7-05; Am. Ord. 4-07-05-2, passed 4-7-05) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 70.03 ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE AND UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE ROUTES.

(A) *Title; purpose.* The title of this section is "Town of Medford All-Terrain Vehicle and Utility Terrain Vehicle Routes." The purpose of this section is to establish all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle routes in the town and to regulate the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles in the town.

(B) *Authority.* The Town Board has the specific authority to adopt this section under Wis. Stat. § 23.33(8)(b) and (11).

(C) *Adoption of ordinance.* Ord. No. 7-09-13 was adopted on proper notice with a quorum and roll call vote by a majority of the Town Board present and voting, provides the authority for the town to designate all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle routes in the town and to regulate the use of those routes and all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles in the town, designates all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle routes in the town and provides for the regulation of the use of those routes and of all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles in the town.

(D) *Operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles.* Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 23.33(4)(d)4., except as otherwise provided in Wis. Stat. § 23.33(4), no person may operate an all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle on the roadway portion of any highway in the town except on roadways that are designated as all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle routes by this section. Operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles on a roadway in the town that is an all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle route is authorized only for the extreme right side of the roadway except that left turns may be made from any part of the roadway that is safe given prevailing conditions.

(E) *Designation of all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle routes.* All roads in the town are designated for all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle routes.

(F) *Conditions applicable to all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle routes.* Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 23.33(8)(d), the following restrictions are placed on the use of the town all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle routes designated herein:

(1) Routes shall be marked with uniform all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle route signs in accordance with Wis. Adm. Code § NR 64.12(7). No person may do any of the following in regard to signs marking town all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle routes:

(a) Intentionally remove, damage, deface, move, or obstruct any uniform all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle route or trail sign or standard or intentionally interfere with the effective operation of any uniform all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle route or trail sign or standards if the sign or standard is legally placed by the state, any municipality, or any authorized individual.

(b) Possess any uniform all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle route or trail sign or standard of the type established by the Department for the warning, instruction, or information of the public, unless he or she obtained the uniform all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle route or trail sign or standard in a lawful manner. Possession of a uniform all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle route or trail sign or standard creates a rebuttable presumption of illegal possession.

(2) Operation shall be subject to all provisions of Wis. Stat. § 23.33, which is adopted as a part of this section by reference, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 23.33(11).

(3) A copy of Ord. 7-09-13 shall be sent by the Town Clerk to the Department of Natural Resources, the Taylor County Sheriff's Department and any other law enforcement agency serving the town's jurisdiction.

(4) All all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle operators shall observe posted roadway speed limits. All all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle operators shall ride single file. All all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle operators shall slow the vehicle to ten miles per hour or less when operating within 150 feet of a dwelling. The maximum speed limit shall be 35 miles per hour.

(5) ATV/UTV operator shall be 16 years of age or older to operate an ATV or UTV on road routes.

(6) All ATV/UTV must be operated on the paved section of the roadway.

(G) *Enforcement.* This section may be enforced by any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

(H) *Penalties.* The penalties under Wis. Stat. § 23.33(13)(a) are adopted by reference. (Ord. 7-09-13, passed 7-9-13)

WEIGHT LIMITATIONS

§ 70.15 CLASS “B” HIGHWAYS.

(A) By authority of Wis. Stat. § 349.15(2) and for the purpose of protecting roadbeds and to promote the general safety and welfare of the public, the Town Board does designate the following town highways or parts of highways to be Class “B” highways for the purpose of putting into effect the weight limitations set forth in Wis. Stat. § 348.16:

(1) All that part of County Road Q extending between County Highway M and State Highway 64;

(2) All that part of Castle Road extending between County Highway M and County Highway O;

(3) All that part of Sunset Road extending between Perkinstown Avenue and County Highway O.

(B) As provided in Wis. Stat. § 348.16, vehicles operated on these highways or parts of highways cannot exceed 60% of the Class “A” highway weights authorized by state law, except that any motor vehicle whose operation is pickup or delivery may pick up or deliver to any residence, business or property located on a Class “B” highway if the gross weight imposed on the highway by the wheels of any one axle does not exceed 16,500 pounds.

(Ord. 14-88, passed 4-12-88)

§ 70.16 SPECIAL WEIGHT LIMITATIONS.

(A) The Town Chairman or any supervisor, as officers in charge of highway maintenance in the town, are authorized:

(1) To impose special weight limitations in any amount not less than 6,500 pounds per axle on any town highway or portion thereof which, because of weakness of the roadbed due to deterioration, climatic conditions or other special or temporary condition, would likely be seriously damaged or destroyed in the absence of such limitations;

(2) To impose special weight limitations on bridges and culverts when in his or her judgement such bridge or culvert cannot safely sustain the maximum weights permitted by state statutes;

(3) To order the owner or operator of any vehicle being operated on a highway to suspend operation if in his or her judgement such vehicle is causing or likely to cause injury to such highway or is visibly injuring the permanence thereof or the public investment therein, except when the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is responsible under Wisconsin Statutes § 84.20 for damage caused by such vehicle or when the vehicle is being operated pursuant to a contract which provides that the town will be reimbursed for any damage done to the highway.

(B) The Town Board shall purchase official signs and metal posts sufficient to post along such highways and the weight limitations authorized shall be imposed by erecting signs on or along the highway or before each end of the bridge or culvert on which it is desired to impose the limitation sufficient to give reasonable notice that a special weight limitation is in effect and the nature of that limitation. All signs shall comply with the rules of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation;

(C) Any person operating a vehicle in violation of these weight limitations shall be subject to prosecution and penalty under Wis. Stat. §§ 348.17 and 348.21. In addition to authority of traffic officers to make complaints against such person, any supervisor of the town is also authorized to sign a complaint against any person found violating such special weight limitations;

(D) The Town Board may enter into a special contract with any trucker whereby the Town Board agrees to grant a permit authorizing the trucker to exceed the special weight limitations imposed under this subchapter upon condition that the trucker agree to reimburse the town for all damages caused to the highway by the trucker, the amount of such damage to be determined solely by the Town Board, in its discretion, and as a final determination.

(1) Each such contract shall specify the road to which it applies, the vehicles being used, the cargo to be hauled and the period of time for such hauling. It shall provide that the Town Chairman or Road Supervisor may still stop the trucking operation if in his or her judgement the trucks are causing too substantial damage and such damage is making the road unsafe for other vehicles.

(2) The form of contract shall be as approved by the Town Board. The Town Chairman or any supervisor, as officers in charge of maintenance, may nevertheless act under division (A)(3) of this section to order the owner or operator of any vehicle to suspend operation.

(E) (1) By authority of Wis. Stat. § 349.16(3), there is exempted from any weight limitations imposed under division (A)(1) all vehicles carrying the following commodities specified or which are used to perform the following services specified, namely, school buses, milk trucks, wreckers, cattle or livestock trucks, fuel trucks, vehicles hauling feed or hay for cattle or other livestock, vehicles hauling produce and merchandise to business premises for resale, vehicles hauling farm machinery and equipment, vehicles used for hauling liquid manure, vehicles used for pumping septic and holding tanks, so long as such hauling is to or from a place of business, residence or land which has an entrance on those highways upon which weight limitations have been set, it being determined by the Town Board that such exemptions are reasonable and necessary to promote the public health, safety and welfare.

(2) Despite such exemption, the Town Chairman or any supervisor, as officers in charge of maintenance, may nevertheless act under division (A)(3) of this section to order the owner or operator of any vehicle to suspend operation.

(Ord. 14-88, passed 4-12-88; Am. Ord. 23-93, passed 8-10-93)

§ 70.17 HIGHWAY PERMITS.

(A) The Town Chairman or supervisor, as officers in charge of maintenance of highways in the town, for good cause in specified instances for specified construction or maintenance or for a specified period, may allow vehicle loads exceeding the size or weight limitations imposed by law to be hauled on such highways. No such hauling shall take place unless and until a written permit is issued by the Town Chairman or supervisor, which permit must be kept with the vehicle. The fee for issuance of the permit shall be \$5. The permit shall be issued on condition that the permittee shall pay for restoration to a condition satisfactory to the town officer in charge of highway maintenance any pavement, blacktop, bridge, culvert, pipe or other highway improvement that may be damaged by reason of the use of the highway by the permittee, and a bond may be required by the officer if he or she deems it necessary.

(B) Other permits may be issued by the Town Chairman or supervisor, as officer in charge of highway maintenance, as provided in Wis. Stat. § 348.25 through 348.27.

(C) Except as otherwise required by law, the form of the permit shall be as approved by the Town Board.

(Ord. 14-88, passed 4-12-88; Am. Ord. 23-93, passed 8-10-93)

§ 70.99 PENALTY.

(A) Any person who violates any provision of this chapter which no other specific penalty has been provided shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$50, nor more than \$500, plus costs and fees. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate violation.

(B) Any person who violates any provision of this chapter for which a state statute requires that the penalty for violation shall conform to the penalty provided by statute, shall be subject to the penalty provided under the applicable state statute.

(C) Any person who shall fail to pay a forfeiture for violation of any provision of this chapter shall be subject to imprisonment until the forfeiture shall be paid, but not exceeding 90 days or until otherwise discharged pursuant to law.

(D) In addition to any of the above provisions of this section, any person who violates any provision of this chapter may be ordered to perform community service in lieu of a forfeiture, and may be ordered to make restitution as provided by state law.

Statutory reference:

Community work service in lieu of forfeiture, see Wis. Stat. § 800.095

Fees in forfeiture actions, see Wis. Stat. § 814.63

Restitution in addition to forfeiture, see Wis. Stat. § 800.093

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Schedule

I. Stop signs

SCHEDULE I. STOP SIGNS.

(A) This schedule is adopted pursuant to the authority granted to Town Boards under Wis. Stat. § 349.06 to adopt the placements and marked with official stop signs to control traffic on the intersections stated. The applicable stopping rules as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 349.06 (and subsequent enactments) and the penalty provision of Wis. Stat. § 349.06 (and subsequent enactments) are hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this schedule as is fully set forth.

(B) Stop signs shall be placed at the following roads:

At	On
NW corner of Sunset and CTH O	Sunset
NE corner of Cedar and Sunset	Cedar
NW corner of Castle and CTH O	Castle
NE corner of Cedar and Castle	Cedar
SW corner of Cedar and Castle	Cedar
NE corner of Cedar and CTH Q	Cedar
SW corner of Cedar and CTH Q	Cedar
NW corner of Gibson and CTH O	Gibson
NW corner of Crane and CTH O	Crane
SE corner of L.B.J. Lane and Perkins	L.B.J.
NW corner of Crane and Perkins	Crane

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At	On
NW corner of Corey's Cove and Perkins	Corey's Cove
NW corner of Vision Lane and Perkins	Crane
SE corner of Crane and Perkins	Crane
NW corner of Oriole and CTH O	Oriole
SW corner of Oriole and Perkins	Perkins
SW corner of Oriole and Allman	Allman
NW corner of Mokry Road and Allman	Mokry Road
SE corner of Allman and Crane	Crane
NW corner of Allman and Crane	Crane
SW corner of Allman and Crane	Allman
NE corner of Allman and Crane	Allman
NW corner of Allman and Stillwater Drive	Stillwater Drive
NW corner of Allman and River	River
SE corner of Allman and Billings Ave	Billings Ave
NW corner of Allman and Woodland	Woodland
NE corner of Allman and CTH Q	Allman
NE corner of E & M Lane and Castle	E & M Lane
NE corner of Brunner's Square and CTH Q	Brunner's Square
NE corner of Wendt Drive and Woodland	Wendt Drive
NE corner of Buehler and Woodland	Buehler
NE corner of Sugarbush and Woodland	Sugarbush
SE corner of Center and Woodland	Woodland
NE corner of Knabe Lane and River	Knabe Lane

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At	On
SW corner of Center and River	Center
SW corner of CTH Q and center	Center
NE corner of Center and CTH Q	Center
NE corner of Center and Castle	Center
SW corner of Castle and Center	Center
NE corner of Center and Sunset	Center
SW corner of Center and Sunset	Center
NE corner of Center and CTH E	Center
SW corner of Pheasant Run and Shattuck	Pheasant Run
SW corner of Rocky Ridge and Shattuck	Rocky Ridge
SE corner of Shattuck and Jolly	Shattuck
SW corner of Crane and Correction	Correction
NE corner of Crane and Correction	Correction
NW corner of Crane and Correction	Crane
SE corner of Crane and Correction	Crane
NW corner of Mandy Lane and Correction	Mandy Lane
NW corner of Evergreen and Correction	Evergreen
SW corner of Oriole and Correction	Oriole
SW corner of Crane and Jolly	Jolly
NE corner of River and Jolly	Jolly
NE corner of S & S Lane and CTHQ	S & S Lane
NE corner of Gengler and CTH Q	Gengler
SW corner of Castle and Wester	Wester
NE corner of Sunset and Wester	Wester

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At	On
NE corner of CTH E and Perkinstown	Perkinstown
SE corner of Perkinstown and Sunset	Sunset
SW corner of Castle and Perkinstown	Perkinstown
NE corner of Castle and Perkinstown	Perkinstown
SW corner of CTH Q and Perkinstown	Perkinstown
SE corner of River and Pleasant	River
NW corner of Erl Land and Pleasant	Erl
NE corner of Hites Lane and River	Hites
SE corner of Neumann and Dassow Ave	Neumann
SE corner of Ballpark and CTH M	Ballpark
NE corner of Mulberry Lane and CTH Q	Mulberry Lane
SE corner of Castle and CTH M	Castle
NE corner of Mall Lane and CTH E	Mall Lane
NE corner of Cara Lane and CTH E	Cara

(Ord. 6-14-05-1, passed 6-14-05)