Local Law # 1 of 1972

A LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE OPERATION OF SNOWMOBILES ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS AND PLACES OG THE TOWN OF WATSON, NEW YORK

Section 1 LEGISLATIVE DATA

The purpose of this local law is to protect the public health, welfare and safety by regulating the operation of snowmobiles on public highways and places of the Town of Watson in a manner which will be compatible with the use of such highways and places for vehicular and pedestrian travel and other uses, and which will promote the safe and proper use of snowmobiles for recreation and commerce and minimize detrimental effects of such use on the environment.

Section 2 DEFINITIONS

(a) The terms, words and phrases used in this local law shall have the same meaning as such terms, words and phrases as defined in Section 8-0105 of the Conservation Law of the State of New York.
(b) Whenever the work "Town" is used herein it shall mean the Town of Watson

Section 3 OPERATION ON STREETS OR HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE TOWN OF WATSON

Operation of snowmobiles on highways and public ways of the Town shall be subject to all the applicable provisions of Article 8 of the Conservation Law, the rules and regulations of the Office of Parks and Recreation, and the rules, restrictions and conditions set forth in Section 5 of this Local Law.

(1) ROADWAYS. The following roadways or highways within the Town of Watson are hereby designated as such streets and highways upon which snowmobiles may be operated pursuant to Section 8-0303, 2(g), (2) of the Conservation Law: (Roadways where the outside banks or shoulders are determined by the Town to be impassable or non-existent by reason of prevailing snow conditions or conditions of terrain) County Roads herein designated shall be subject to the written approval of the Lewis County Superintendent of Highways, such approval to be annexed hereto and made a part of this local law.

Road	From	To
River Road	No. 4 Road	Town Line
Olmstead Road	Snell Road	Town Line
Cemetery Road	Olmstead Road	Peckham Road
Peckham Road	No. 4 Road	Town Line
Hodge Road	No. 4 Road	Town Line
Kotel Road	No. 4 Road	Town Line
Gyore Road	Hodge Road	Peckham Road
Chases Lake Road	Pine Grove Road	Erie Canal Road
Wetmore Road	Pine Grove Road	Chases Lake Road
Austin Road	Pine Grove Road	George Hill Road
Loson Road	No. 4 Road	End
McPhilmy Road	Baldwin Road	Erie Canal Road
Glenn Road	McPhilmy Road	Erie Canal Road
Baldwin Road	Chases Lake Road	McPhilmy Road
George Hill Road	Austin Road	Chases Lake Road
Erie Canal Road	No. 4 Road	Town Line
Donnattburg Road	George Hill Road	Town Line
Petrie Road	No. 4 Road	End
Buck Point Road	No. 4 Road	End
Stoney Lake Road	Erie Canal Road	End
Stillwater Road	No. 4 Road	Town Line
Hoch Road	River Road	End
No. 4 Road	No. 4 Road	Town Line
Snell Road	No. 4 Road	Town Line
Pine Grove Road	Chases Lake Road	Town Line

(2) UNPLOWED HIGHWAYS. The following roadways within the Town of Watson are hereby designated as such highways as are customarily unplowed and unused during the winter months for automobile travel and upon which snowmobiles may be operated pursuant to Section 8-0303(2)(e):

Road	From	To
Beaches Mill Road	Erie Canal Road	End
Bailey Road	Sperryville	End
Crystal Lake Road	No. 4 Road	End
Bradish Road	Pine Grove Road	Austin Road
Sperryville Road	Erie Canal Road	Sperryville
Cleveland Lake Road	Sperryville	End

(3) LIMITED OPERATION ON HIGHWAY. When authorized or directed by a State or Local police officer, a snowmobile may be operated on any portion of the highway for a purpose of an emergency as authorized by Section 8-0303 of the Conservation Law.

Section 4 Parks AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES OTHER THAN HIGHWAYS

Subject to the restrictions and conditions in Section 5 of the Local Law and the rules and regulations of the Office of Parks and Recreation, snowmobiles may be operated only on or along designated or marked trails of those lands owned by the Town of Watson.

Section 5 CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

Whenever the operation of a snowmobile is permitted on the shoulder, roadway or inside bank of any town, street or highway or portion thereof as provided in this Local Law or on parks or public lands of the town, the following conditions and restrictions are hereby imposed to all such snowmobile operations:

(1) FINANCIAL SECURITY. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile on any highway designated herein unless the owner or operator of such snowmobile is insured against public liability and carries with him proof of financial responsibility as required by the Conservation Law.

(2) No person shall operate a snowmobile within the street or highway right-of-way of those streets and highways designated herein for use except on the right side of such right-of-way and in the same direction as the highway traffic.

(3) Each person operating a snowmobile on any street or highway shall observe strictly all vehicular traffic signs and signals and all other rules and regulations applicable to vehicular traffic, and shall obey the orders and directions of any

state or local police or other law enforcement officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic.

(4) No person under the age of 16 years shall operate a snowmobile upon any street or highway herein designated.

Section 6 VIOLATION

Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Local Law shall be deemed a violation and the violator shall be liable to a fine of not less than $5.00 nor more than $25.00.

Section 7 SEPARABILITY

If any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or section of the Local Law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such portion of this Local Law shall be deemed separate and distinct from the remainder of the local law and such judgement shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this local law.

Section 8 EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in accordance with the provisions of Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law provided, however, that snowmobiles shall not be operated under the provisions hereof until such time as the signs and markers and installed or constructed in accordance with Article 8 of the Conservation Law and the rules and regulations of the New York State Office of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Transportation.