

# SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE

**SECTION I. AUTHORITY.** Under authority granted in 23 V.S.A. 3210 the Hardwick Select Board of the Town of Hardwick hereby adopts the following civil ordinance regulating the time, manner and location of operation of snowmobile within the town.

**SECTION II. PURPOSE.** The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health and safety of operators of snowmobiles and of the residents of the Town and to protect the animals, property and environment of the Town.

## **SECTION III. DEFINITIONS.**

A. "Snowmobile" means a self-propelled vehicle intended for off-road travel primarily on snow, having a curb weight of not more than 453.59 kg(1,000 lbs); driven by track or tracks in contact with the snow and steered by a ski or skis in contact with the snow.

B. "Operate " shall include any attempt to operate and shall be construed to cover all matters and things connected with the presence and use of snowmobiles whether they are in motion or at rest.

C. "VAST" shall mean Vermont Association of Snow Travelers

## **SECTION IV. OPERATION OF SNOWMOBILES.**

All laws pertaining to motor vehicles are applicable to snowmobilers. The Town of Hardwick strongly encourages the use of VAST trails.

Designated roads shall be open for travel annually December 15 through April 15.

Designated roads shall be signed appropriately. Snowflake Ridge Runners Snowmachine club shall purchase and erect snowmobile trail and crossing signs. The signs shall be erected prior to November 15th and taken down by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The following sections of roads shall be open to snowmobile travel:

All gravel roads in the municipality shall be open to snowmobile travel for the purpose connecting to VAST trails except: Carey Road from Dix Road to Mackville Road.

All paved streets shall be open to snowmobile travel for the purpose of accessing VAST trails, except for the following: North Main St. South Main St., Mill St., Wolcott St., Brook St. Center Road, Hardwick St., Cedar St. and Main St. in East Hardwick from River St. to State Highway 16.

Use of paved streets shall not be allowed from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

## **SECTION V. PENALTIES.**

First Offense .....	\$25, waiver fee \$15.00
Second Offense .....	\$50, waiver fee \$30.00
Third and each subsequent offense .....	\$250, waiver fee \$125.00

## **SECTION VI. ENFORCEMENT.**

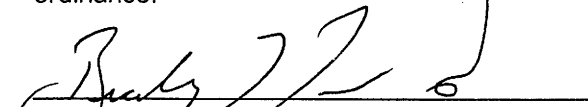
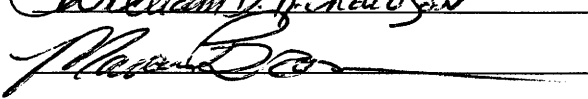
This is a civil ordinance and shall be enforced by the Hardwick Police Department and/or any other law enforcement agency through the Judicial Bureau.

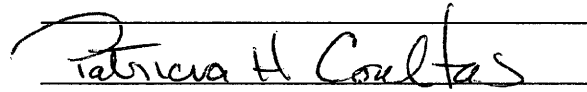
## **SECTION VII. SEVERABILITY.**

If any section of this ordinance is held by a court competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

**SECTION VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This ordinance effective 60 days after its adoption by the Hardwick Select board and shall supersede and replace all previous ordinances regulating the time, manner, and location of operation of all terrain vehicles. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.

  
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DATE: JUNE 7, 2007  
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Effective August 6, 2007