

Ordinance #: 1982-1, Rev #3

TOWN OF MAIDSTONE, VERMONT
Snowmobile Regulation Ordinance, Rev #3
Adoption and Revision History

ORIGINAL ADOPTION DATE: 10/25/1982

REV #1 ADOPTION DATE: 10/16/2012

REV #2 ADOPTION DATE: 10/7/2013

REV #3 ADOPTION DATE: 11/7/2022

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 6, 2023

Relevant Vermont Statutes: 24 V.S.A. §2291 (1), (4), and (7); 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59; and 23 V.S.A. § 3210

ORDINANCE #	REVISION DATE	REVISION DESCRIPTION
Rev #1	10/16/2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Added MAIDSTONE LAKE ROAD: between the intersection with Westside Lake Road and the entrance to the State Campground, a distance of approximately 2.2 miles• Added HALL ROAD: from VT Route 102 up on Class III section• Reduced the speed limit from 25 mph to 20 mph• Changed the format to Sections 1 - 13, adding to the only two sections specified previously (Town Roads and Speed Limit) (See below)
Rev #2	10/7/2013	Added Westside Lake Road to Section 6 - Town Roads
Rev #3	11/7/2022	MAIDSTONE LAKE ROAD in Section 6 - Town Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Added this section: Beginning at the entrance to the equine parking lot and extending approximately 250 feet to the helicopter landing zone road• Extended the area of operation on Maidstone Lake Road approximately 400 feet north of the junction with Westside Lake Road in Section 6 - Town Roads• Updated list of relevant Vermont Statutes

The following Town Ordinance was passed by the Selectboard on 11/7/2022. It is being posted and published in accordance with 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59. If you have questions about this ordinance, you can contact either Scott Lovell, Selectboard Chair, at 4175 Route 102, Maidstone, VT, telephone (603) 631-5717, or Brad McVetty, Selectboard Member, at 1342 VT Route 102, Maidstone, VT, telephone (603) 631-0739.

Citizens may petition for a vote on the ordinance at an annual or special meeting in accordance with §1973 of 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59. The petition must be signed by no less than 5% of the qualified voters of Maidstone and presented within 44 days following the adoption of the ordinance by the Selectboard.

TOWN OF MAIDSTONE
SNOWMOBILE REGULATION ORDINANCE, Rev #3

SECTION 1- AUTHORITY: Under the authority granted in 24 V.S.A. §2291 (1), (4), and (7); 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59; and 23 V.S.A. § 3210, the Selectboard of the Town of Maidstone adopted the following civil ordinance regulating the manner and location of operation of snowmobiles within the Town on October 16, 2012. This ordinance was first amended on 10/7/2013 by adding the Westside Lake Road in SECTION 6 - TOWN ROADS. This ordinance is being amended again on 11/7/2022 by extending the area of operation on Maidstone Lake Road approximately 400 feet north of the junction of the Lake Road and Westside Lake Road and by updating the list of relevant Vermont Statutes.

SECTION 2 - PURPOSE: The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the public health and safety and to preserve the residents' right to quiet enjoyment of their homes and properties.

SECTION 3 - DEFINITIONS: For the purpose of this ordinance, the following words and/or phrases shall be defined as follows:

- (a) "Operate" includes an attempt to operate and shall be construed to cover all matters and things connected with the presence and use of snowmobiles within the Town of Maidstone whether they be in motion or at rest.
- (b) "Snowmobile" means a self-propelled vehicle intended for off-road travel primarily on snow, having a curb weight of not more than 435.59kg (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.
- (c) "VAST" means the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers.
- (d) "Trails Maintenance Assessment" (TMA) or subsequent name means a permit issued by VAST granting use of VAST snowmobile trails on public and private land.
- (e) "Public land" means all land that is either owned or controlled by a local, state, or federal governmental body.
- (f) Other definitions found in 23 V.S.A. § 3201 are incorporated by reference.

SECTION 4 - OTHER LAWS: This ordinance is in addition to all state laws regulating the operation of snowmobiles.

SECTION 5 - SIGNAGE: Placement and maintenance of all signs regulating snowmobile operation on public lands, on VAST trails, and at crossings of trails on town highways which have been opened by the Selectboard for snowmobile traffic shall be the responsibility of VAST.

SECTION 6 -TOWN ROADS: approved for snowmobile operations are:

- (a) TAMARACK LANE: from the junction of the North Road to the first field gate on the left;
- (b) NORTH ROAD: between Pole 55/55 to just north of 4857 North Rd., 2.2 miles where the trail turns left off North Road;
- (c) HALL ROAD: from VT Route 102 up on Class III section;

- (d) MAIDSTONE LAKE ROAD: beginning at the entrance to the equine parking lot and extending approximately 250 feet to the helicopter landing zone road;
- (e) MAIDSTONE LAKE ROAD: from the intersection with Westside Lake Road extending approximately 400 feet north to the current location of the 35 mph speed limit sign;
- (f) MAIDSTONE LAKE ROAD: between the intersection with Westside Lake Road and the entrance to the State Campground, a distance of approximately 2.2 miles;
- (g) WESTSIDE LAKE ROAD: 2.3 miles, Class III section from the junction of the Maidstone Lake Road to the cul-de-sac at the end.

SECTION 7 - SPEED LIMITS: The speed limit on town highways opened for snowmobile traffic shall be 20 miles per hour.

SECTION 8 - SINGLE FILE RACING: Snowmobile travel on town highways which have been opened for their use shall be single file. No racing shall be allowed.

SECTION 9 - OPERATION IN CEMETERIES: No snowmobile may be operated within any public or private burial ground within the Town.

SECTION 10 - PENALTIES: First offense \$25.00, waiver fee \$15.00. Second offense \$50.00, waiver fee \$30.00. Third and each subsequent offense \$100.00, waiver fee \$125.00.

SECTION 11 - ENFORCEMENT: Any enforcement officer as defined in V.S.A. 23 & 24 shall assist in the enforcement of this ordinance. They shall issue complaints and may be the appearing officer at any hearing.

SECTION 12 - SEVERABILITY: If any section of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

SECTION 13 - EFFECTIVE DATE: This Maidstone Snowmobile Regulation Ordinance, Rev #3 will become effective on January 6, 2023, 60 days after the Ordinance was adopted at the November 7, 2022 Maidstone Selectboard meeting.

APPROVED:



 Scott Lovell, Chairman

11-10-22

 Date



 Bruno McKenzie

11/8/22

 Date



 Bradley McVetty

11-9-22

 Date