

CHAPTER 2015-5

**No. 198 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE VII OF
THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
"SNOWMOBILES AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES"**

Approved April 13, 2015

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

SECTION 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Chapter 15, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Article VII, "Snowmobile Regulations," is hereby amended as follows:

Article VII. Snowmobiles and Recreational Vehicles.

Sec. 15-101. Definitions.

(a) *Snowmobile*. A self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice in a natural terrain steered by wheels, skis or runners.

(b) *Operate*. To control the operation of a snowmobile.

(c) *Operator*. A person who operates or is in actual control of a snowmobile or recreational vehicle.

(d) *Recreational vehicle*. A motor vehicle, including minibikes, designed to travel over unimproved terrain and which has been determined by the division of motor vehicles as unsuitable for operation on the public way and not eligible for registration for such use. This shall not be construed to include golf mobiles or golf carts, riding lawn mowers, or garden tractors, which are not registered as farm vehicles, but shall include any three (3) wheel driven vehicle and any other four (4) wheel driven vehicle, regardless of type or design, including all classes of all-terrain vehicles.

Sec. 15-102. Regulations.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile or recreational vehicle under the following circumstances:

(a) On private property of another without the express permission to do so by the owner or occupant of said property.

(b) On public school grounds, park property, playgrounds, recreational areas and golf courses.

(c) Without having such snowmobile or recreational vehicle registered as provided for by statute except that this provision shall not apply to the operation of a snowmobile or recreational vehicle on the private property of the owner by the owner or a member of his immediate family.

(d) Within the right-of-way of any public street within the city.

Sec. 15-104. Equipment required.

All snowmobiles and recreational vehicles operated within the city shall have the following equipment.

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(a) Mufflers which are properly attached and which reduce the noise of operation of the vehicle to the minimum noise necessary for operating the vehicle and no person shall use a muffler cut-out, by-pass or similar device on said vehicle.


(b) Adequate brakes in good working condition and at least one (1) headlight and one (1) taillight.

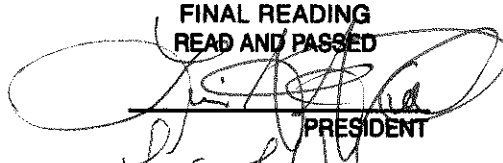

(c) A safety or so-called "dead man" throttle is defined as a device which when pressure is removed from the accelerator or throttle causes the motor to be disengaged from driving track.

Sec. 15-105. Penalty.

The penalty for a violation of this article, shall be forfeiture of the snowmobile or recreational vehicle; or if the defendant does not own the vehicle and the owner did not know and could not reasonably have known that the vehicle would be used in violation of this article, a civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500) shall be imposed. The Providence Police Department shall be empowered to seize and impound snowmobiles and recreational vehicles in order to enforce this article.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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Mayor
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