

Recreational Vehicle Ordinance (Amended 6/12/12)

The city's recreational vehicle ordinance provides reasonable regulations for the operation of snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles and other recreational vehicles on public and private property within the city of Ramsey. The ordinance was recently updated to provide easier access of recreational vehicles to designated routes within the city.

A “**Restricted Use**” area has been designated, located south of a straight line running from east to west at the 16700 block; starting at the Rum River on the east and running to the city of Elk River border on the west (see other side for map of the designated areas).

Within the “Restricted Use” area:

- Recreational vehicles **may only be operated on private property if the property is greater than two and one-half (2 ½) acres in size.** (Recreational vehicles used for maintenance or plowing are allowed to be operated on private property, regardless of the lot size.)
- Recreational vehicles **may only be operated off private property on clearly marked, designated routes.**
- Recreational vehicles **may be operated on city roadways TO ACCESS DESIGNATED ROUTES, ONLY.**
- Recreational vehicles **may NOT be operated in the right of way or boulevard of city streets.**
- Recreational vehicles **may NOT be operated in parks.**
- Recreational vehicles **may be operated in the ditch area portion of the right of way on state highways or county roads, ON DESIGNATED ROUTES, ONLY.**
- Studded snowmobiles are not allowed to operate on the roadways.
- Loading and unloading of snowmobiles and ATV's is also available in the parking lots of Central and Elmcrest Parks to access designated routes.
- A designated route has also been established through the River's Bend Park's parking lot to access the Rum River trail.

Within all areas of the city:

- **Between November 1 and March 31, there must be a minimum of six (6) inches of snow cover on the ground for recreational vehicle use.**
- Recreational vehicles **may NOT be operated on the inside slope, shoulder or roadway of any state highway or county road.**
- Recreational vehicles may NOT be operated in the city between the hours of
10:00 pm and 8:00 am - Sunday through Friday
1:00 am and 8:00 am - Saturday and Sunday

For more information regarding the snowmobile ordinance, please contact the Ramsey Police Department at (763) 427-6812.