

ORDINANCE NUMBER 57

The Board of Commissioners of St. Louis County ordains:

ARTICLE 1 - ADMINISTRATION

Authority:

Minnesota Statutes § 84.87, subd. 4 authorizes counties to enact an ordinance to raise the speed limit of snowmobiles to 65 miles per hour on lakes greater than 10,000 acres.

Purpose:

The purpose of this Ordinance, which is enacted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, is to increase the speed limit up to 65 miles per hour for snowmobiles traveling on marked trails during daylight hours on lakes greater than 10,000 acres.

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Ordinance 57.

ARTICLE 2 - DEFINITIONS

1. Daylight Hours - “Daylight Hours” means the hours between sunrise and sunset.
2. Lakes Greater Than 10,000 Acres - The following are lakes in St. Louis County that are greater than 10,000 acres:
 - Burntside
 - Kabetogama
 - LacLaCroix
 - Namakan
 - Pelican
 - Rainy
 - Superior
 - Vermilion
3. Marked Trail - “Marked Trail” means snowmobile trails established and posted in accordance with 6100.5300 of the Minnesota Rules.
4. Operate - As defined in Minn. Stat. § 84.81, Subd. 5, “Operate” means to ride in or on and control the operation of a snowmobile.
5. Snowmobile - As defined in Minn. Stat. § 84.81, subd. 3, “Snowmobile” means a self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice steered by skis or runners.

ARTICLE 3 - GENERAL PROVISION

Snowmobiles operating within St. Louis County may travel up to the rate of 65 miles per hour when traveling on marked trails during daylight hours on lakes greater than 10,000 acres.

ARTICLE 4 - UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY

Notwithstanding the general provision of Article 3 of this Ordinance, it remains unlawful for any person to drive or operate any snowmobile at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable or proper under all of the surrounding conditions or circumstances.

ARTICLE 5 - ENFORCEMENT

Conservation officers and other licensed peace officers are authorized to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance consistent with any authority imposed by statute.

ARTICLE 6 - EFFECTUATION

This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage by the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and approval of the Commissioner of Natural Resources. Upon approval by the Commissioner of Natural Resources, Ordinance No. 57, shall be disseminated to the appropriate law enforcement agencies.

This Ordinance was declared adopted by the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners on the 27th day of May, 2003.

Commissioner Fay moved for the adoption of this Ordinance, and Commissioner Sweeney duly seconded the motion. It was adopted on the following vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Fay, Kron, Forsman, Sweeney, Nelson, Raukar, and Chair Fink - 7
Nays: None
Absent: None

DENNIS FINK
Chairman, County Board

Certified as a complete and accurate copy
of Ordinance Number 57

GORDON D. McFAUL, County Auditor

ATTEST:

Paul Tynjala, Deputy Auditor

After review, and in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 84.87, Subd. 4, this Ordinance is hereby approved this ____ day of _____, 2003.

GENE MERRIAM
Commissioner, Dept. of Natural Resources