

Chapter 225
VEHICLES, OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the City Council of the City of Laconia 5-31-1988 by Ord. No. 156-88.10. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Vehicles and traffic — See Ch. 221.

§ 225-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

OHRV — Any mechanically propelled vehicle used for pleasure or recreational purposes, running on rubber tires, belts, cleats, tracks, skis or cushion or air and dependent on the ground or surface for travel or other unimproved terrain, whether covered by ice or snow or not, where the operator sits in or on the vehicle. ("Operate" and all its moods and tenses when it refers to an "OHRV" means to use the vehicle in any manner for transportation.)

§ 225-2. Hours of operation.

No person shall operate an OHRV between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 7:00 a.m.

§ 225-3. Operation on property of another.

No person shall operate an OHRV on the property of another without first receiving permission from the owner of that property.

§ 225-4. Distance from dwellings and businesses.

No person shall operate an OHRV closer than 300 feet from the dwelling or business of another, except for purposes of ingress and egress.

§ 225-5. Violations and penalties.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a violation and shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisoned for not more than 90 days, or both. Such person shall be deemed to be guilty of a separate offense for each and every day during any portion of which any violation of this chapter is committed, continued or permitted by such person and shall be punishable therefor as provided herein.

§ 225-6. OHRV's on or from public property and beaches. [Added 2-9-1998 by Ord. No. 01.98.01]

No person shall operate an OHRV on land of the City of Laconia, including beaches owned or controlled by the city, if said land or beach has been posted with a sign prohibiting said operation, or any other trespass. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate an OHRV across land or beaches of the City of Laconia for purposes of gaining access to any body of water, frozen or otherwise, when expressly prohibited by posted signs. Violations of this section shall be punishable by a minimum fine of \$100 for each offense, a minimum fine of § 250 in the case of subsequent offenses or offense wherein the practice of "skimming," so called, consisting of operation of an OHRV over open leads of water, is proximately involved. All other requirements of this chapter shall also be complied with.