

CHAPTER 450  
Off-Road Vehicles

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Michigan Vehicle Code - see M.C.L.A. Secs. 257.1 et seq.; TRAF. Ch. 412  
 Traffic rules and regulations generally - see M.C.L.A. Secs. 257.601 et seq., 257.634 et seq.  
 Uniform Traffic Code - see M.C.L.A. Secs. 257.951 et seq.; TRAF. Ch. 410  
 Motorcycles - see TRAF. Ch. 430  
 Motorized scooters - see TRAF. Ch. 431  
 Snowmobiles - see TRAF. Ch. 440  
 Golf carts - see TRAF. Ch. 451

**450.01 DEFINITIONS.**

As used in this chapter:

“Off-road vehicle (ORV)” means a motor-driven, off-road recreation vehicle capable of cross-country travel without benefit of a road or trail, on or immediately over land, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain. ORV includes, but is not limited to, a multitrack or multi-wheel drive vehicle, an ATV, a three-wheel, or four-wheel vehicle, an amphibious machine, a ground effect air cushion vehicle, or other means of transportation deriving motive power from a source other than muscle or wind. ORV does not include a registered snowmobile, a farm vehicle being used for farming, a vehicle used for military, fire, emergency, or law enforcement purposes, a vehicle owned and operated by a utility company or an oil or gas company when performing maintenance on its facilities or on property over which it has an easement, a construction or logging vehicle used in performance of its common function, or a registered aircraft.  
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**450.02 MICHIGAN MOTOR VEHICLE CODE.**

Off-road vehicles shall also comply with all applicable laws under the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code.  
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**450.03 PERMITTED OPERATION.**

Off-road vehicles may be operated as follows:

- (a) All operators must wear a helmet approved by the Michigan DOT.
- (b) All operators must possess a valid Michigan driver's license.
- (c) Must be driven 20 m.p.h. or less; travel to and from town; driven in single file with the flow of traffic on the far right of the road in a manner which does not interfere with traffic; yield right-of-way to all pedestrians and vehicles; during the hours from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. only; and crossing M25 only at a 45-degree angle.  
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**450.99 PENALTY.**

(a) Municipal civil infraction. Whoever violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter is responsible for a municipal civil infraction and shall be subject to payment of a civil fine of no less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Repeat offenses under this chapter shall be subject to increased fines as provided below.

(b) Increased civil fines. Increased civil fines may be imposed for repeated violations by a person of any requirement or provision of this chapter. As used in this chapter, a repeat offense means a second (or any subsequent) municipal civil infraction violation of the same requirement or provision committed by a person within any 18-month period and for which the person admits responsibility or is determined to be responsible. The increased fine for a repeat offense shall be as follows:

- (1) The fine for any offense which is a first repeat offense shall be no less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).
- (2) The fine for any offense which is a second repeat offense or any subsequent repeat offense shall be no less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).  
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