

Fairbanks Safety Council Supports Year-round Snow Vehicle Trails

Establishment of specific, regulated trails within the city to be used year-round for snow vehicles, bicycles and for jogging, as proposed by city planner Dean Hopkins, received unanimous support of the Fairbanks Health and Safety Council at its monthly meeting this week.

Also by unanimous action, the Council voted to request both the city and the North Star Borough to prohibit the use of snow vehicles in specified restricted school and hospital zones.

Letters advising them of the Council's action on these matters will go to city manager Wally Droz and borough chairman John Carlson.

The need for amendment of the state's current snow vehicle statute, Chapter 182, 1968, was discussed by Council members and area legislators present at the meeting.

Senator Edward Merdes and representatives Tury Anderson and Eugene Miller participated in the discussion and there was general consensus that the present statute should be amended to provide a minimum age limit for operators of snow vehicles.

The general consensus being that age 12 would be a fair and

equitable minimum, working a minimum hardship on rural area families in which children often are called upon to operate snow vehicles on family trap lines.