

Ordinance 2024-001

An ordinance creating Chapter ____ of the General Code of Ordinances to Establish All-terrain and Utility-terrain vehicle routes for the operation of ATVs and UTVs within the Town of Pleasant Springs

- 1) The town board finds that there is a desire for ATV/UTV routes on roadways in the town for recreational purposes and that the need should be balanced against possible dangers and liabilities resulting from use of ATV/UTVs on town roadways.**
- 2) This ordinance is intended to establish ATV/UTV routes in the town of Pleasant Springs and to regulate the operation of same upon such routes.**
- 3) The town board of the Town of Pleasant Springs, Dane County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority to adopt this ordinance under §23.33(8), Wis. Stats.**
- 4) Pursuant to §23.33(8)(b)(1), Wis. Stats. The Town of Pleasant Springs designates the following as ATV/UTV routes;**

All town roads and eligible county roads.
- 5) Route signs: All authorized ATV/UTV routes shall be designated by route signs. The route signs shall be provided by the local ATV club or its successor at their costs and shall be installed by the town public works employees in accordance with Ch. NR 64.12, Wis. Admin. Code. Signage requirements will be as determined by the Federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.**

- 6) All ATV/UTV operators shall be at least 16 years of age and possess a valid operator's license as defined in §340.01(41g), Wis. Stats. DOT-approved helmets are required to be worn by all operators and passengers of any ATV/UTV for persons under the age of 18 years old. All UTV operators and passengers must wear seatbelts at all times. ATV/UTV's cannot have a passenger riding in or on any part of the ATV/UTV that is not designated or intended for use by passengers. Aftermarket seating is not allowed for seating as they do not comply with the law, the seating must be manufactured as a multiple passenger machine to be legal for passengers.**
- 7) No ATV/UTV shall be operated at a speed greater than 35 mph or the posted speed limit whichever is lower.**
- 8) ATV/UTV's must be operated with fully functional headlights, taillights, and brake lights on all routes. ATV/UTV headlights and taillights must be on at all times. The color of the head and tail lights must conform to the Wis. Stats. §23.23.**
- 9) All ATV/UTV operators must ride single file on the extreme right-hand side of the paved highway.**
- 10) ATV/UTV's are prohibited from operating on town roadways between 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM every day of the year.**
- 11) ATV/UTV's must operate on paved roadway surface only.**
- 12) Insurance is required for all ATVs/UTVs operated within the Town of Pleasant Springs. Operators shall**

have proof of liability insurance and produce it upon demand by any law enforcement officer.

13) ATVs/UTVs that do not meet Wisconsin State or local noise pollution requirements may not be operated in the Town of Pleasant Springs.

14) This ordinance may be enforced by any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the laws of the state of Wisconsin.

15) Any person who shall violate any portion of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit not more than \$300 together with the costs of prosecution.

16) The Town of Pleasant Springs reserves the right to close or modify ATV/UTV routes at any time.