



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION

Ordinance No. 06 - 24

ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND RECREATE SECTION 58-39 OF THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING DESIGNATING AND REGULATING ALL-TERRAIN AND UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE ROUTES - FIRST READING - CHRIS ELSTRAN

1 Chippewa County currently utilizes a points-based scoring system to determine whether
2 or not to approve annual requests for new ATV/UTV routes. The Highway Committee has
3 determined that an annual points-based review process will no longer be utilized. Instead,
4 maximum daily traffic volume data for relevant segments of County highways will be evaluated
5 to identify County highway segments as either low/medium traffic or high traffic. Those
6 segments of County highways that are identified as low/medium traffic would be designated as
7 County ATV/UTV routes. The evaluation and use of maximum daily traffic volume data will likely
8 result in staff efficiencies by eliminating the need to review proposed routes on an annual basis.

9 The Highway Committee directed the Highway Commissioner to obtain missing traffic
10 counts needed in order to identify highways with 750 or less vehicles per day and highways
11 with 1,000 or less vehicles per day. The Highway Committee reviewed a map of each scenario
12 at their February meeting and they recommend highways with 750 or less vehicles per day. The
13 Highway Commissioner recommends that highways with traffic volumes above 750 vehicles per
14 day not be opened to ATV/UTV traffic due to safety concerns.

15 The necessary ordinance changes have been made to open all County highways as
16 ATV/UTV routes with the exception of high traffic highways. While discussing the necessary
17 ordinance language, the Highway Committee has also directed staff to make other changes,
18 particularly to the route usage "conditions". These changes were reviewed by WMMIC's
19 attorney.

20 Highway Department staff have met with Chippewa Valley ATV Council (CVATVC)
21 leadership to address payment for signage installation costs. CVATVC indicated that they, along
22 with local ATV clubs, will be able to generate the necessary funds to reimburse the County for
23 equipment, labor, signage, and sign post costs. If approved by the County Board in March,
24 Highway Department staff would install the necessary signage in the months of April and May
25 as project workload allows.

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SEE ATTACHMENT

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Equipment, labor, and material costs for sign installations expected to be approximately \$30,000-\$35,000. Chippewa County Highway Department will invoice and be reimbursed by Chippewa Valley ATV Council for all associated costs upon completion of work.

<p>03/12/2024 County Board RESULT: APPROVED [18 TO 1] MOVER: Matthew Peterson, District 10 SECONDER: Joel Seidlitz, District 9 AYES: Gullickson, Schmitt, Flater, Steele, Gehring, Sikorski, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Bomar, Berg, Teuteberg, Eisenhuth, McGill, Rohmeyer, Hull, Mueller NAYS: Roger Calkins ABSENT: Annette Hunt, Kari Ives</p>

History:

02/28/24 Highway Committee FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD

Approved as to Form:

	
Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel	Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director
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Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator
2/20/2024