

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of Mount Pleasant
Green County
Ordinance (07-10-2023)

ATV/UTV ROUTES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION 1. TITLE AND PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Pleasant has determined the need to amend local code to regulate utility-terrain (UTV), as well as all-terrain vehicles (ATV) and in order to provide regulations on the use of such vehicles in the Town of Mount Pleasant as allowed by WI Stat § 23.33 and to designate specific routes such vehicles are to take within the Town;

Therefore, the Town Board of the Town of Mount Pleasant, Green County, Wisconsin, by this ordinance, adopted by a majority of the town board on a voice vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, resolves and declares as follows:

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY AND GENERAL REGULATION

The Town Board of the Town of Mount Pleasant, Green County, Wisconsin ("Board") has the specific authority to adopt this ATV/UTV Routes and Regulations Ordinance under Wis. Stat. § 23.33 and (11), Green County Ordinances Title 8 Chapter 2. The Board retains the right to close any Town road to ATV/UTV operation for any reason, including but not limited to special events, unlawful use, and road construction or repair. Said closures of town roads to ATV/UTV use may occur without prior notice.

The Town accepts no liability for the operation of ATV/UTV's on any Town road under the provisions of this ordinance. The operation of ATV/UTV's is at the operator's own risk. ATV/UTV operators within the Town shall abide by all State, County, and Municipal laws, and the applicable provisions of Wis. Stat. § 23.33, regulating ATV/UTV operations are adopted by reference and made part of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. ROUTES

- A. At the discretion of the Town Board, all Town roads within the Town of Mount Pleasant have been designated as ATV/UTV routes.
- B. All County roadways located in the Town are hereby declared as ATV/UTV routes only if authorized by the County of Green, and all State highways in the Town are declared as ATV/UTV routes only if authorized by the State of Wisconsin.
- C. All authorized ATV/UTV routes shall be signed in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 23.33(8)(e). The Town, or its designee, shall maintain all route signs within the Town. Any restrictions on authorized routes shall be designated by majority vote of the Town Board and shall be marked and/or signed accordingly.

SECTION 4. OPERATION OF ATV/UTV's

The following restrictions apply to operation of ATVs and UTVs on all Town of Mount Pleasant (Town) roads designated as ATV/UTV routes:

- A. Operators shall abide by all traffic laws, including the rules of operation and equipment requirements contained in Wis. Stat. §23.33 and Wis. Adm. Code. Ch. NR 64, unless further restricted by this chapter.
- B. ATVs and UTVs may only be operated on an approved ATV/UTV route between the hours of 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The hours of operation and speed limit will be listed on the ATV/UTV Route signs paid for by the sponsors on Town routes.
- C. ATVs and UTVs shall be operated on a route at a safe speed not to exceed 35 miles per hour unless a reduced speed is otherwise required by law or roadway conditions.
- D. All ATV and UTV operators shall slow to a safe and prudent speed when there are animals on or near the roadway.
- E. All ATVs and UTVs must operate with fully functional headlights, taillights, and brake lights. All ATV or UTV operators shall ride in single file on the extreme right-hand side of the paved portion of the highway. Operation on the gravel shoulders, grassy in-slope, ditches, or other highway right-of-way is prohibited. Left turns may be made from any part of the highway when it is safe given prevailing conditions.
- F. Crossing should be made only at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing. "Obstruction" includes, but is not limited to, impairment of view and potentially hazardous roadway conditions.
- G. No person under the age of 16 may operate an ATV or UTV on any segment of a Town road that is a designated ATV/UTV route.
- H. Every person who operates an ATV or UTV on any segment of a Town road which is designated as an ATV/UTV route shall have in his or her immediate possession a valid motor vehicle operator's license, and shall display the license document upon demand from any law enforcement officer, state patrol officer, inspector under Wis. Stat. § 110.07(1), conservation warden, or municipal peace officer.
- I. No person may ride in or on any part of an ATV or UTV that is not designated or intended to be used by passengers.
- J. No operator or passenger of an ATV or UTV may possess, in or on an ATV or UTV on any Town road, any bottle or receptacle containing alcohol beverages if the bottle or receptacle has been opened, the seal has been broken or the contents of the bottle or receptacle have been partially removed or released.
- K. All ATV and UTV equipment is required to have applicable liability insurance and have proof of insurance.

Attest: *[Signature]* Town clerk