

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
ORDINANCE 04-22 AMENDED 03-04-2024
TOWN OF JEFFERSON ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE (ATV) AND
UTILITY-TERRAIN VEHICLE (UTV) ROUTE
ORDINANCE FOR ALL TOWN ROADS

Section 1- General

The Town of Jefferson, Jefferson County adopts the following all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility-terrain vehicle (UTV) ordinance for the operation of all-terrain and utility-terrain vehicles upon the roads listed in Section 4.

Section 2 – Applicability and Enforcement

The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to all town roads within the jurisdiction of the town of Jefferson including US Highway 18 from the Jefferson City limits to the East side of County Road Y intersection and US Highway 18 in Helenville from Gruennert Street to St Peters Evangelical Lutheran School, W3255, west driveway entrance, and the provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

Adoption of this ordinance shall not prohibit any law enforcement officer or DNR warden from proceeding under any other ordinance, regulation, statute, law, or order that pertains to the subject matter addressed under this section.

Section 3 – Limitations

The following limitations apply on all areas designated in this Ordinance:

Operators and passengers of all ATVs/UTVs shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, orders, regulations, restrictions, and rules, including, but not limited to, section 23.33 Wis. Stats.

ATVs/UTVs shall be operated on the extreme right side of the roadways on the paved surface and ride single file.

ATV's/UTVs may be operated on paved surfaces only, unless yielding the right of way.

ATV/UTV operators are required to have applicable liability insurance.

ATVs/UTVs shall not be operated at a speed greater than the posted speed limits.

ATV's/UTVs may not be operated on any town roads without fully functional headlights, taillights, and brake lights.

ATVs/UTVs may not be operated on town roads between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

No person may operate an ATV/UTV on any town road without a valid driver's license and shall display the license upon demand from any law enforcement officer or official described in section 23.33 (12) Wis. Stats.

Section 4 – ATV/UTV Routes

The routes designated as an ATV/UTV vehicle route shall be as follows: All official town of Jefferson roads.

Section 5 – Route Signs

Routes must be signed in accordance with NR 64.12(7) (c), Wisconsin Administrative Code.

ATV/UTV signage on all town roads routes will be the responsibility of local ATV clubs and/or the Jefferson County Highway Department. This responsibility will be approved by the town of Jefferson Board of Supervisors. Local ATV/UTV clubs or the Jefferson County Highway Department will be required to work with the town of Jefferson Board of Supervisors to make sure all signage is complete and consistent throughout the township.

ATV/UTV posted signs may not be on all town roads but will be posted on town roads entering the township.

Fiscal Note: Adoption of the Ordinance could have a potential cost impact for signage required on town roads. The cost of the signage will be provided by outside funding. If a problem arises the town of Jefferson Board of Supervisors has the authority to use town funds if absolutely needed.

Section 6 – Penalties

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office or any law enforcement official as set forth in section 23.33(12) Wis. Stats., including the issuance of a citation under section 66.0113 Wis. Stats.

The penalties set forth in section 23.33 (13) (a) Wis. Stas., are adopted and incorporated by reference herein.

Section 7 – Maintenance

Designation of the town of Jefferson town roads as ATV/UTV routes does not impose upon the town of Jefferson Board of Supervisors a greater duty of care or responsibility for maintenance of town roads. Operators of ATV/UTV on town roads assume all the usual and normal risks of ATV/UTV operation.

Section 8 – Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be effective upon enactment, posting, and proper signage.

Section 9 – Town of Jefferson Board of Supervisors Review

The town of Jefferson Board of Supervisors can review any town roads for ATV/UTV usage and make a decision at any time, to make changes/adjustments as needed. Any changes or roads closed will be posted at townofjefferson.com.

This ordinance replaces original ordinance 9-13 and 8-15 both originally granting various town roads as ATV/UTV use.

Amended this 4th day of March, 2024.

Michael Hollinger, Chair

Curtis Backlund, Supervisor

Steve Habeck, Supervisor

Deb Kind, Supervisor

Tracie Stammer, Supervisor

ATTEST TO:

Tina Barnes, Clerk

Date Adopted: _____

Date Posted: _____

Town of Jefferson Website, Town Meeting Hall- St Coletta Cabin, Ron's Market, County City Credit Union, Premier Bank Jefferson