

**ORDINANCE NO. O-20-01**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW USE OF ATV/UTV ON TOWN ROADS**

**The Town Board of the Town of Stockton, Portage County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:**

**SECTION I – TITLE AND PURPOSE**

The title of this ordinance is “An Ordinance to Allow Use of ATV/UTV on Town Roads”. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish all-terrain vehicle and utility vehicle routes in the Town and to regulate the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility vehicles in the town.

**SECTION II – AUTHORITY**

The Town Board of the Town of Stockton, Portage County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority to adopt this All-Terrain/Utility Terrain vehicle Ordinance under s. 23.33(8) (b) and (11), Wis. Stats.

**SECTION III – ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE**

This Ordinance adopted on proper notice with a quorum and roll call vote by a majority of the Town Board present and voting, provides the authority for the Town to designate all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility terrain vehicle (UTV) routes in the Town and to regulate the use of those routes and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) in the Town, designate all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle routes in the Town and provides for the regulation of the use of those routes and of all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles in the Town.

**SECTION IV – OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES**

Pursuant to s. 23.33 (4) (d) 4., Wis. Stats., except as otherwise provided in s. 23.33 (4), Wis. Stats., no person may operate an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility terrain vehicle (UTV) on the roadway portion of any highway in the Town except on roadways that are designated as all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility terrain vehicle (UTV) routes by this Ordinance. Operation of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) on a roadway in the Town that is an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility terrain vehicle (UTV) route is authorized only for the extreme right side of the roadway except that left turns may be made from any part of the roadway that is safe given prevailing conditions.

**SECTION V – DESIGNATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE AND UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE ROUTES**

The following routes are designated all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility terrain vehicle (UTV) routes in the Town:

- All roads within the Town of Stockton unless posted
- All County Roads in the Town of Stockton upon approval by the County

**SECTION VI – CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE AND UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE ROUTES**

Pursuant to s. 23.33 (8) (d), Wis. Stats., the following restrictions are placed on the use of the Town all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility terrain vehicle (UTV) routes designated

by this Ordinance:

- A. Routes shall be marked with uniform all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility terrain vehicle (UTV) route signs in accordance with s. 23.33 (8) (e), Wis. Stats., and s. NR 64.12 (7), Wisconsin Administrative Code. No person may do any of the following in regard to signs marking Town all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility terrain vehicle (UTV) routes:
  1. Intentionally remove, damage, deface, move, or obstruct any uniform all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility terrain vehicle (UTV) route or trail sign or standard or intentionally interfere with the effective operation of any uniform all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility terrain vehicle (UTV) route or trail sign standards if the sign or standard is legally placed by the state, any municipality, or any authorized individual.
  2. Possess any uniform all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility terrain vehicle (UTV) route or trail sign or standard of the type established by the Department for the warning, instruction, or information of the public, unless he or she obtained the uniform all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility terrain vehicle (UTV) route or trail sign or standard in a lawful manner. Possession of a uniform all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility terrain vehicle route (UTV) or trail sign or standard creates a rebuttable presumption of illegal possession.
- B. Operation shall be subject to all provisions of s. 23.33, Wis. Stats., which is adopted as a part of this Ordinance by reference to s. 23.33 (11), Wis. Stats.
- C. A copy of this Ordinance shall be sent by the Town Clerk to the Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin State Patrol and the Portage County Sheriff's Department.
- D. The Ordinance will be reviewed as needed.
- E. List additional restrictions:
  - All all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility terrain vehicle (UTV) operators shall observe the maximum posted 35 miles per hour speed limits.
  - All all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility terrain vehicle (UTV) operators shall ride single file on paved portion of Town roads.
  - No all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility terrain vehicle (UTV) may be operated on road shoulders or in road ditches. No straddling of the shoulder or ditch is allowed.
  - All all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility vehicle (UTV) operators shall slow the vehicle to 10 mph or less when operating within 150 feet of a dwelling or 100 feet of any person who is not on a motorized vehicle.
  - The all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility vehicle (UTV) routes will be open year around.
  - Any or all all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility terrain vehicle (UTV) routes may be closed at any time at the discretion of the Town of Stockton, Portage County, WI.
  - Speed Limit Signs of 15 mph to be posted in all platted subdivisions.



SECTION VII – ENFORCEMENT

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

SECTION VIII – PENALTIES

The penalties under s. 23.33 (13), Wis. Stats., are adopted by reference.

SECTION IX – SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION X – OTHER

Any costs associated with necessary signs will be borne by ATV/UTV clubs and the potential use of grants.  
All signs will be installed and maintained by Local club with the direction of Town Road Crew Supervisor.

SECTION XI – EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage by a majority vote of the Town Board and publication as required by law under s. 60.80, Wis. Stats.

Adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

Michael Bronk  
Town Chair Mike Bronk

Attest: Lauri Novotny  
Town Clerk Lauri Novotny

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Terry Johnson  
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motion carried  
2-1 with  
Supervisor Dodge  
voting against  
the motion.