

ORDINANCE NO. 23-4
ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, UTVS AND SNOWMOBILES

The Town of Long Lake, Florence County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

1. **Purpose.** The primary purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for a safe means for Town residents and visitors to use all-terrain vehicles on designated Town Roads to facilitate access to trail systems located in the County or adjoining Counties.

2. **Purpose for Authorization.** Road and road segments may be added and authorized as all-terrain vehicles routes through the following process:

A. A property owner within the Town must petition the Town to add a road or road segment.

B. The Town Board shall, within 90 days of receipt of the petition, review the petition and make a determination as to whether the road or road segment in question is appropriate for use as permitted under this Ordinance. The Town Board shall make this determination.

C. The Town Board shall hold a public hearing on the petition. This public hearing may be held in conjunction with a regularly scheduled Town Board meeting. That public hearing shall be considered first consideration of a proposed change to the Town's Municipal Code. The Board shall make reasonable efforts to ensure residents on affected roads are given notice of the public hearing.

D. If the Town Board gives tentative approval to the Ordinance change at first consideration, the Board shall bring the matter up for second consideration at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

3. **Designation of All-Terrain Vehicle Routes.**

All Town Roads will be open to all-terrain vehicles unless otherwise posted. The only areas of the Town closed to UTVs, ATVs and snowmobiles are Maple and Oak Streets from Main Street to Highway 139 including the alley between Maple and Oak Streets.

4. **Conditions of Use.**

To operate an all-terrain vehicles a person must:

A. Be 16 years of age or older;

B. Possess an all-terrain vehicle safety certificate unless the operator was born on or before January 1, 1988;

C. Operate at a speed no faster than vehicle speed limit of 10 miles per hour on all Town Roads.

- D. Operate only on the right side of the roadway;
- E. Operate with headlights on at all times.

5. Signage.

The Town of Long Lake, in coordination with the Road Department and various other organizations in the Town shall:

- A. Purchase and post all-terrain vehicle route signs as required by State law accompanied by 10 miles per hour ATV speed limit signs;
- B. Purchase and post signage indicating the termination of routes in locations as directed by the Town Road Foreman;
- C. Purchase and post local-use-only signs in locations as directed by the Town Road Foreman;
- D. Purchase and post quiet-zone signs in locations as directed by the Town Board.

6. Violations and Penalties.

Any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine or forfeiture of not less than \$100 nor more than \$200 per violation, together with the costs of the action. Each time a violation occurs shall be considered a separate and distinct offense.

7. Prosecution.

As a substitute for or in addition to forfeiture actions, the Town Attorney may, on behalf of the Town, seek enforcement of any and all parties of this Ordinance by Court actions seeking injunctive Orders or Restraining Orders and/or pursuing nuisance actions against the violator.

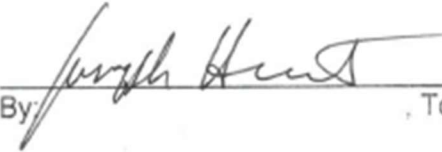
8. Effective Date and Sunset.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication. From this year forward on May 1 this Ordinance will take effect and shall remain in effect until October 31 unless affirmatively reauthorized by the Town Board. This Ordinance by its adoption hereby revokes any and all prior Ordinances passed by the Town Board which regulated all-terrain vehicles, UTVS and/or snowmobiles.

Dated this 2nd day of Feb., 2024.

TOWN OF LONG LAKE:


By: _____, Town Chairman


By: _____, Town Clerk

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