

**TOWN OF JORDAN**  
**ATV/UTV ORDINANCE**

Ordinance # 2023-9-14

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Jordan, County of Green, State of Wisconsin, ordained as follows:

**ATV/UTV ROUTES AND REGULATIONS**

**SECTION 1. TITLE AND PURPOSE**

The title of this ordinance is "ATV/UTV ROUTES AND REGULATIONS". The purpose of this ordinance is to establish All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) routes in the Town of Jordan and regulate the operation of ATV/UTVs in the Town.

**SECTION 2. AUTHORITY AND GENERAL REGULATION**

The Town Board of the Town of Jordan, Green County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority to adopt the ATV/UTV Routes and Regulations Ordinance under Wis Stat. s23.33 (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/UTVs on any Town road under the provisions of this ordinance. The operation of ATV/UTVs 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. s23.33, regulating ATV/UTV operations are adopted by reference and made part of this ordinance.

**SECTION 3. ROUTES**

- A.** The Town designates all Town roads within the Town of Jordan as ATV/UTV routes except Jordan Center Road.
- B.** All County roadways located in the Town of Jordan 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. s23.33 (8) (e). The Town of Jordan, 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/signed accordingly.

#### **SECTION 4. OPERATION OF ATV/UTVs**

- A.** ATV/UTV operators may not operate in excess of 35 miles per hour on Town roads, unless posted slower.
- B.** ATV/UTV hours of operation on Town roads shall be between 4 AM and 10 PM.
- C.** ATV/UTV operators shall ride single file.
- D.** ATV/UTV operators are prohibited from riding on the shoulder of the road or in the ditch.
- E.** ATV/UTV operators must be at least 16 years of age with a valid driver license to operate on any Town of Jordan roads.
- F.** ATV/UTV operators under the age of 18 years old must wear a helmet.
- G.** ATV/UTVs shall have operating headlights, taillights and brake lights while operating on any Town roads.
- H.** No ATV/UTV may be operated on Town roads before dawn or after dusk without functioning turn signals.
- I.** ATV/UTV operators shall use hand signals when their machines are not equipped with turn signals.
- J.** ATV/UTVs must operate with a muffler that produces sound equal to or less than the state decibel limits.
- K.** ATV/UTVs shall be registered with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and have up-to-date stickers and visible license plates.
- L.** ATV/UTV operators must carry a valid driver license and proof of ATV/UTV insurance while operating on Town of Jordan roads.
- M.** Crossing State Highway 81 is strictly prohibited.

#### **SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT**

This ordinance shall be enforced by any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the laws of Green County and/or the State of Wisconsin.

Consistent with Wis. Stat. s23.33 (11)(b) the Town Clerk shall immediately send a copy of this ordinance to the Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin State Highway Patrol and to the Green County Sheriff's Department.

#### **SECTION 6. PENALTIES**

Wisconsin State ATV/UTV penalties as found in Wis. Stat. 23.33 (13)(a) are adopted by reference and made part of this ordinance.

**SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstances 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 provision of this ordinance are severable.

**SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall take effect after the Town Clerk properly publishes and posts this ordinance as required by law.

**DATED THIS 14th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023**

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Lauren Meinert, Chairman

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Jeffrey Falk, 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor

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Tom Rossing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor

I, Billie Jean Reynolds, Clerk of the Town of Jordan, Green County, Wisconsin, certify the foregoing is true, correct and a complete copy of an ordinance adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Jordan on September 14, 2023.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Billie Jean Reynolds, Town of Jordan Clerk