



**TOWN OF ALPINE, WYOMING
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-016**

**AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE OPERATION OF OFF-ROAD VEHICLES
WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS OF ALPINE, WYOMING**

WHEREAS, the Town of Alpine recognizes that the operation of Off-Road Recreational Vehicles (ORVs) and snow machines is a popular means of transportation and recreation for residents and visitors within the Town and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Alpine desires to permit the operation of ORVs and snow machines upon Town streets for both recreational and incidental purposes, provided such operation is conducted safely and in accordance with Wyoming law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes the importance of maintaining public safety, protecting public infrastructure, and promoting the orderly coexistence of motorized and non-motorized traffic within Town limits; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Alpine seeks to establish clear regulations allowing ORV and snow machine travel on all Town roads, while designating a preferred maintained route for safety, convenience, and seasonal maintenance purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF ALPINE, WYOMING:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote the safe and responsible operation of Off-Road Recreational Vehicles (ORVs) and snow machines within the Town of Alpine, while protecting public safety, preserving roadway integrity, and ensuring compliance with Wyoming Statutes. It is the intent of the Town Council to permit ORV travel on all Town of Alpine roads with a valid State of Wyoming ORV permit, while designating a preferred ORV and snow machine route for enhanced maintenance and safety.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

- a) **“Off-Road Recreational Vehicle (ORV)”** — are motor vehicles defined in Wyoming Statute § 31-1-101 (k).
- b) **“Operator”** — every person who operates or has actual physical control of an ORV.
- c) **“Snow Machine”** — any self-propelled vehicle designed primarily for travel on snow or ice, steered by skis or runners and supported in part by one or more tracks.

- d) **“Town Road”** — means any street, alley, or roadway maintained by the Town of Alpine for public use, unless specifically closed to ORV traffic by posted signage or Town Council resolution.

SECTION 3. OPERATION OF OFF-ROAD VEHICLES ON TOWN STREETS

- a) **Permitted Operation.**

ORVs displaying a current State of Wyoming ORV registration decal (§ 31-2-703(a); § 31-2-702; § 31-5-1601) may be operated on any Town of Alpine road. No additional Town route designation is required for lawful travel.

- b) **Operation on All Public Roadways Permissible - Preferred Route.**

Until such time as altered by the a resolution of the Governing Body or by posted signage prohibiting such use, ORVs and snowmachines may be operated on any public roadway within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Alpine, Wyoming. The Town Council may, by resolution, identify other preferred ORV and snow machine route within Town limits that will receive regular maintenance and serve as the recommended corridor for connecting to County or State trail systems.

- (i) The preferred route for travel from U.S. Highway 89 to the Greys River Canyon is over Short Street, Trail Drive and Greys River Road.

- c) **Winter Operations.**

During winter months, snow machines are encouraged to use the designated preferred route for safety, snow removal efficiency, and preservation of residential streets. However, operation on other Town roads for access to residences, businesses, or trail connections shall **not constitute a violation** of this ordinance.

- d) **Prohibited Areas.**

ORVs and snow machines are prohibited in municipal parks, playgrounds, sidewalks, and recreation areas unless specifically posted as open to such vehicles. This prohibition does not include operation of ORVs and snow machines within designated parking areas.

- e) **Operation and Conduct.**

Operators shall travel single-file and obey all posted traffic signs. All ORVs and snow machines shall be equipped with a functioning muffler and exhaust system in good repair and shall not produce excessive noise or emissions consistent with the Town’s Noise Ordinance.

- f) **Lighting and Equipment.**

When operating one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, ORVs and snow machines must display lighted lamps and illuminating devices as required under W.S. § 31-5-910 through § 31-5-940.

g) Enforcement.

Except as otherwise required by Wyoming statutes regulating the operation of off-road vehicles (ORVs) and snow machines on State or Federal Highways located within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Alpine, Wyoming, law enforcement officials shall not issue citations to any person operating an ORV or snow machine on public roadways within the Town of Alpine unless:

- (i) The operator is exceeding the posted speed limit;
- (ii) The operator is disobeying posted traffic control devices, signals, or signage;
- (iii) The operator is driving or in actual physical control of the ORV or snow machine while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance; or
- (iv) The operator is operating the ORV or snow machine in a reckless manner as defined by Wyoming Statute § 31-5-229.

Nothing in this provision shall be construed to limit the authority of law enforcement to enforce applicable provisions of Wyoming law governing the operation of ORVs or snow machines on State or Federal Highways, nor shall it be interpreted to authorize operation on any roadway where such operation is prohibited by State law.

SECTION 4. PREFERRED ROUTE MAP

The Town shall maintain and make publicly available at Town Hall and on the Town's website a map showing the preferred ORV and snow machine route within Town limits.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, or provision of this ordinance is declared invalid, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage, approval, and publication according to law.

Passed First Reading on the 18th day of November 2025.

VOTE: 4 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAIN, 0 ABSENT

Passed Second Reading on the 16th day of December 2025.

VOTE: YES, NO, ABSTAIN, ABSENT

Passed on Third and Final Reading 6th day of January 2026.

VOTE: YES, NO, ABSTAIN, ABSENT

TOWN OF ALPINE

Eric Green, Mayor of Alpine

ATTEST:

Monica L. Chenault, Clerk / Treasurer

ATTESTATION OF THE TOWN CLERK

STATE OF WYOMING)
COUNTY OF LINCOLN)
TOWN OF ALPINE)

I hereby certify that the forgoing Ordinance No. 2025-016 shall be duly posted for ten (10) days in the Town Office.

I further certify that the foregoing Ordinance will be posted on the Town website in final form, upon its passing and approved by the Town Council as soon as is practicable.

I further certify that the forgoing Ordinance will be duly recorded in the BOOK OF

ORDINANCES, TOWN OF ALPINE, LINCOLN COUNTY, WYOMING.

ATTEST:

Monica L. Chenault, Clerk / Treasurer

1st Reading