

Town of Clayton
8348 Hickory Ave
Larsen, WI 54947

Re: Amending the current ATV/UTV Ordinance

Good evening.

I am writing this letter on behalf of Knight Riders ATV Club, all ATV/UTV enthusiasts in the Town of Winchester and surrounding areas. We are requesting a review of the current Town of Clayton Ordinance Number: 2021-001 signed February 3, 2021 to create travel corridors and uniformity between the rural townships. We are requesting a review of:

- 1) Time of operation to 24/7 365.

Time of Operation: Regarding the modification to the town's current ordinance restricting the operation hours from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM. Some townships, counties and the state of Wisconsin are much less restrictive. Most townships oppose this time restriction citing reasons such as wanting to be able to go hunting or fishing early in the morning or being able to hunt in the evening which would get the hunter home after dark, people on shift work, being out for dinner at a popular restaurant and there being a longer wait than anticipated causing the rider to leave the restaurant later than expected, etc.

Wisconsin State Statute 23.33 doesn't have any operation time restrictions for ATV/UTV/s. We would like the town to adopt the state statute in its entirety without exception to time of operation. Our surrounding counties Outagamie and Waupaca do not have a time restriction. We are requesting the time to change to 24/7 365.

Regarding State Statute 23.33, the statute by which all town ATV/UTV ordinances are modelled after, riders are to have functional headlights, taillights and brake lights, riders must be 16 years old, helmets for riders under 18 years old, and wearing seatbelts on machines if so equipped. Most notably here, if the machines are required to have working headlights, taillights, and brake lights, what reason does the town have that the machines need to be off the road after 10:00 PM? Many of the UTV owners have dealers install turn signal kits or they install aftermarket turn signal kits. No other user of the roads have operating hour restriction so why should the ATV/UTVs?

In 2023 an Economic Impact Study was completed. The study revealed the ATV/UTV Industry and Riders generated \$5.4 Billion in total Economic Activity in the State of Wisconsin during 2023.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Robert & Gail Haag
Knight Riders ATV Club
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