

Dear Mr. Voll,

I am writing to respectfully request that the Village of Kronenwetter consider opening the process to expand the operating hours for ATV/UTV use. The current restriction of one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset significantly limits the use of these machines, especially when compared to neighboring communities such as Weston and Mosinee, which allow ATV/UTV use from 6:00 a.m. to midnight. Expanding our hours to match these communities, or even further to 5:00 a.m. to midnight to align with Marathon County, would better serve the needs of our residents.

There are several compelling reasons to make this adjustment:

1. Seasonal Variation in Sunrise and Sunset

The current restrictions result in drastically different operating windows depending on the time of year. During the winter months, when sunrise is as late as 7:30 a.m. and sunset as early as 4:15 p.m., the usable hours are extremely limited. Expanding the hours to a fixed schedule would eliminate these seasonal inconsistencies and provide residents with predictable and practical access throughout the year.

2. Consistency with Neighboring Communities

Kronenwetter's more restrictive hours create unnecessary confusion for ATV/UTV operators traveling between municipalities. Aligning with Weston, Mosinee, and Marathon County would create a consistent regional standard, encouraging recreational and legitimate uses, such as hunting, and fostering a sense of cooperation among communities.

3. Support for Legitimate Uses and Avoiding Unintended Failures

The current restrictions greatly limit residents' ability to use ATV/UTVs for lawful purposes, such as accessing hunting areas during optimal times. Restrictive hours can inadvertently set residents up for failure, especially when neighboring communities offer far more flexibility.

4. Precedent Set by Snowmobile Regulations

The Village imposes no hourly restrictions on snowmobile use to access trails. It seems inconsistent to restrict ATV/UTV hours while allowing unrestricted snowmobile access. Both activities should be treated similarly to ensure fairness and balance in our regulations.

5. Minimal Complaints and Law Enforcement Oversight

To date, there has been a lack of complaints or significant issues related to noise or impaired driving caused by ATV/UTV use. These concerns are already addressed by law enforcement as needed, and expanding the hours is unlikely to increase incidents.

I urge the Village to consider these points and open the process to revise the current ordinance. Expanding the hours for ATV/UTV use would enhance accessibility, foster consistency with neighboring municipalities, and better serve the legitimate needs of our community.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I would be happy to provide further input or participate in discussions regarding this request.

Please let me know if there is a different process for me to formally make this request, or consider this my formal request.

Sincerely,

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