

TOWN OF SARATOGA, WYOMING

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____

AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 10.29 OFF-ROAD VEHICLES IN THE SARATOGA MUNICIPAL CODE ALLOWING THE OPERATION OF OFF-ROAD VEHICLES WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS OF SARATOGA, WYOMING

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Saratoga desires to permit the operation of ORVs 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 nonmotorized traffic within Town limits; and

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

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

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote the safe and responsible operation of Off-Road Recreational Vehicles (ORVs) within the Town of Saratoga, 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 Saratoga roads with a valid State of Wyoming ORV permit, while designating a preferred ORV route for enhanced maintenance and safety.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

- a) **“Off-Road Recreational Vehicle (ORV)”**- are motor vehicles defined in Wyoming § 31-1-101 (k).
- b) **“Operator”**- every person who operates or has actual physical control of an ORV.
- c) **“Town Road”**- means any street, alley, or roadway maintained by the Town of Saratoga for public use, unless specifically closed to ORV traffic by posted signage or Town Council resolution. (*1st street is not a Town maintained roadway*)

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 Saratoga road. No additional Town route designation is required for lawful travel.

b) Operation on All Public Roadways Permissible – Preferred Route.

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

- (i) The preferred route from County Road 504 to S River St. is Pic Pike Rd. to State St. to Bridge Ave to S River St.
- (ii) The preferred route from County Road 500 to S River Ave is Bridge Ave. to S River St.
- (iii) The preferred route North and South through the Town is S River Ave. from Main Ave. to Sage Ave.

c) Prohibited Areas.

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

d) Operation and Conduct.

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

e) Lighting and Equipment.

ORV operated under this ordinance shall meet all requirements of required equipment of W. S. § 31-2-232(b)(iv). When operating one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, ORVs must display lighted lamps and illuminating devices as required under W.S. § 31-5-910 through § 31-5-940.

f) License and Insurance.

Operators shall possess a valid driver's license for the class and size of vehicle operated. All ORV's operated within the Town of Saratoga shall be insured in accordance with W.S. § 31-9-401 - § 31-9-415.

g) Hours of Operation.

ORVs will not be operated under this ordinance between the hours of ten p.m. and six a.m.

h) Compliance with rules of the road.

Every operator shall observe all the rules of the road pertaining to vehicles and shall obey all state and municipal traffic laws and ordinances as shown in Title 10 of Town of Saratoga Municipal Code.

i) Enforcement.

The Town's law enforcement personnel, Wyoming State Troopers or Carbon County Sheriff's Office personnel, may at any time, upon reasonable cause to believe that an Off-Road Vehicle Operator is unlicensed, or vehicle is uninsured, or vehicle is unsafe or not equipped as required by this ordinance, or that such equipment is not in proper adjustment or repair, require the operator or such vehicle to stop and submit such vehicle to an inspection and test with reference thereto as may be appropriate. No person shall operate an Off-Road Vehicle after receiving notice with reference thereto as provided in this section except as may be necessary to return such vehicle to the residence or place of business of the owner or operator, or to a place of repair, until the Off-Road Vehicle and its equipment have been placed in proper condition.

SECTION 4. CREATION OF MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 10.29 OFF-ROAD VEHICLES

§ 10.29.010 DEFINITIONS

- d) **“Off-Road Recreational Vehicle (ORV)”**- are motor vehicles defined in Wyoming § 31-1-101 (k).
- e) **“Operator”**- every person who operates or has actual physical control of an ORV.
- f) **“Town Road”**- means any street, alley, or roadway maintained by the Town of Saratoga for public use, unless specifically closed to ORV traffic by posted signage or Town Council resolution. (*1st street is not a Town maintained roadway*)

§ 10.29.020 REGISTRATION

- A. ORVs shall display a current State of Wyoming ORV registration decal (§ 31-2-703(a); § 31-2-702; § 31-5-1601).
- B. Violation of this section will result in citation for violation of § 10.12.020 B

§ 10.29.030 OPERATOR'S LICENSE

- A. The operator shall possess and have on their person a valid driver's license.
- B. Violation of this section will result in citation for violation of § 10.12.010 B

§ 10.29.040 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- A. ORVs must meet all requirements of W.S. § 31-2-232(b)(iv).
- B. Violation of this section will result in citation for violation of § 31.5.950 through § 31.5.954

§ 10.29.050 INSURANCE

- A. ORVs shall be insured in accordance with ordinance § 10.40.010.
- B. Violation of this section will result in citation for violation of § 10.40.010

§ 10.29.060 OPERATION IN PROHIBITED AREAS

- A. ORVs are prohibited in municipal parks, playgrounds, sidewalks, and recreation areas unless specifically posted as open to such vehicles. This prohibition does not include operation within designated parking areas.
- B. Violation of this section will constitute trespass and citation for violation of § 9.12.070

§ 10.29.070 HOURS OF OPERATION

- A. No ORV shall be operated within the Town between the hours of ten p.m. and six a.m. unless operated with a valid MPV registration.
- B. Violation of this section will result in citation for violation of § 9.20.050

§ 10.29.080 TITLE 10 ENFORCED

- A. Rules and ordinances of Title 10 of the Town of Saratoga Municipal Code apply and are enforced on ORV operation within the Town limits.
- B. Bond schedule applies to violations of Title 10 for Operators of ORVs.

SECTION 5. PREFERRED ROUTE MAP

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

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.

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

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF SARATOGA, COUNTY OF CARBON, STATE OF WYOMING, THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT FROM AND AFTER ITS APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION.

_____ on FIRST READING dated this ___ day of _____ 2026.

_____ on SECOND READING dated this ___ day of _____ 2026.

_____ on THIRD READING dated this ___ day of _____ 2026.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS ___ DAY OF _____ 2026.

Town of Saratoga

Chuck Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk

ATTESTATION

I, Jenn Anderson, the Town Clerk for the Town of Saratoga, Wyoming, do hereby certify that the above ordinance shall be adopted in its entirety after passage and publication, and posted in the manner required by law.

TOWN CLERK