

500-17 ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ROUTES

- A. **PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY.** Pursuant to the authority set forth in s. 23.33(8)(b) & Ss. 23.33(11), Wis. Stats. the Common Council of the City of Watertown, Jefferson and Dodge Counties, hereby adopts this Ordinance to allow for the operation of All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) and Utility-Terrain Vehicles (UTV) upon the roadways designated herein.
- B. **DEFINITIONS.** As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:
- (1) **ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE or ATV**
Has the meaning given in s. 340.01 (2g), Wis. Stats.
 - (2) **UTILITY-TERRAIN VEHICLE or UTV**
Has the meaning given in s. 23.33(1)(ng), Wis. Stats.
- C. **ROUTES.** Pursuant to Ss. 23.33(8)(b), Wis. Stats., all roadways under the jurisdiction of the City of Watertown are designated as ATV/UTV routes.
- E. **CONDITIONS.** The following conditions shall apply to all operators and passengers of ATV/UTV used within the City of Watertown:
- (1) No ATV/UTV shall be operated on any roadway not designated as an authorized ATV/UTV route unless otherwise authorized by Wisconsin Statutes or the City of Watertown Municipal Code.
 - (2) All City-owned parking lots abutting the routes under this subsection may be accessed by an ATV/UTV for parking purposes.
 - (2) **Implied Consent.** Any person who engages in the operation of an ATV/UTV upon the public right-of-way or in areas enumerated within Section § 500-17 gives implied consent under s. 23.33(4L), Wis. Stats.
 - (a) Furthermore, to regulate intoxicated operation and related laws of an ATV/UTV, the City of Watertown adopts s. 23.33(4c) through 23.33(4z), Wis. Stats., by reference.
 - (4) All ATV/UTV operators shall observe posted speed limits.
 - (5) No person shall leave or allow an ATV/UTV owned or operated by the operator to remain unattended on any public right-of-way or public property while the motor is running or with the starting key left in the ignition.
 - (6) No person shall operate an ATV/UTV upon any sidewalk, pedestrian way, shared-use path, Jefferson County Parks' Interurban Trail, snowmobile routes under Section § 442-1, or upon the area between the sidewalk and the curblineline of any street in the City.
 - (a) Exception. ATV use for snow removal on public sidewalks under §§ 500-17(G)(2)(b).
 - (7) **Age restriction and certification.** Wisconsin State Age Restrictions and Certification requirements as found in s. 23.33(5), Wis. Stats., are adopted by reference.

(8) No person under 18 years of age may operate or be a passenger on an ATV/UTV without wearing protective headgear of the type required under s. 347.485 (1) (a), Wis. Stats., and with the chin strap properly fastened, except as specifically exempted under ss.23.33(3g) (b, c, d, e and f), Wis. Stats.

(9) Approved hand signals are required when making turns if the vehicle is not equipped with appropriate turn signals.

(10) All ATV/UTV operators shall ride single file.

(11) The operator of an ATV/UTV shall obey all traffic laws, local ordinances, and DNR regulations.

(12) Equipment Requirements. The City of Watertown adopts s. 23.33(6), Wis. Stats., by reference.

(13) All roadways must be signed in accordance with ss. NR 64.12, and NR 64.12(7), Wis. Admin Code.

(14) Pursuant to s. 895.52, Wis. Stats., ATV/UTV operation is at the sole risk of the operator. The City of Watertown shall have no liability for any damage or injury to persons, real property or personal property, arising out of the operation of ATVs and UTVs on designed ATV/UTV routes.

(15) Routes shall be open year-round.

(a) ATV/UTV routes may be closed temporarily at any time by the Police Chief or Fire Chief due to weather or when public safety is at risk.

(b) No person shall operate an ATV/UTV anywhere within the corporate limits of the City of Watertown between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. with the exception of snow removal operations.

(16) Noise limits. The City of Watertown adopts s. 23.33(6m), Wis. Stats., by reference.

(17) On any roadways shared with another jurisdiction the most restrictive Ordinance shall apply.

(18) Passenger restrictions. The City of Watertown adopts s. 23.33(6r), Wis. Stats., by reference.

F. BRIDGE CROSSING. Operation of an ATV/UTV on a bridge located within the corporate limits of the City of Watertown shall comply with Ss. 23.33(11)(am)3., Wis. Stats.

G. WINTER SNOW REMOVAL.

(1) All regulations under Section § 500-17 apply to this subsection.

(2) A person may operate an ATV/UTV for snow removal purposes only under the following conditions:

(a) The ATV/UTV shall have a snow removal device attached to it.

(b) ATVs only (no UTVs) shall be allowed on public sidewalks for snow removal, and only at a speed not to exceed 10 mph.

(d) The ATV/UTV must display one or more illuminated, yellow lights that flash or rotate and are visible for 360° and 100 feet

H. ACCIDENTS. The City of Watertown adopts s. 23.33(7), Wis. Stats., by reference.

I. OPERATION WITH FIREARMS OR CROSSBOWS. The City of Watertown adopts s. 23.33(3c), Wis. Stats., by reference.

II. ENFORCEMENT. Wisconsin State All-Terrain Vehicle enforcement as found in s. 23.33(12), Wis. Stats., are adopted by reference.

J. PENALTIES. Wisconsin State All-Terrain Vehicle penalties as found in s. 23.33 (13), Wis. Stats., are adopted by reference.

K. SEVERABILITY. Any provision of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the City would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be deemed affected.

L. BOND SCHEDULE. The bond schedule shall be as set forth by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources pursuant to s. 23.66(4), Wis. Stats