TOWN OF GRANT

PORTAGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-01

SECTION I - PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle routes in the Town of Grant and to regulate the operation of All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle in the Town.

SECTION II AUTHORITY:

The Town Board of the Town of Grant, Portage County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority to adopt this All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle Route Ordinance under s. 23.33 (8) (b) and (11), Wis. Statutes.

SECTION III ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

This Ordinance, adopted by a majority of the Town Board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, provides the Town of Grant the authority to designate All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle routes in the Town and provides for the regulation of the use of those routes and of All-Terrain Vehicle/ Utility Terrain Vehicle in the Town.

SECTION IV -OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES:

Pursuant to s. 23.33 (4) (d) 4., Wis. Stats., except as otherwise provided in s. 23.33 (4), Wis. Stats., no person may operate an All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle on the roadway portion of any highway in the Town except on roadways that are designated as All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle routes by this Ordinance. Operation of All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle on a roadway in the Town that is an All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle route is authorized only for the extreme right of the roadway except that left turns may be made from any part of the roadway that is safe given prevailing conditions.

SECTION V - DESIGNATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/UTILITY TERRAINVEHICLE ROUTES: All Town of Grant roads are open to All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle travel.

SECTION VI -CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE ROUTES:

Pursuant to s. 23.33(8) (d), Wis. Stats., the following restrictions are placed on the use of the Town All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle routes designated by this Ordinance:

A. Routes shall be marked with uniform All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle route signs in accordance with s. NR 64.12 and. NR 64.12(7) c, Wisconsin Administrative Code. No person may do any of the following regarding signs marking All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle routes:

1. Intentionally remove, damage, deface, move or obstruct any uniform All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle route or trail sign or standard, or intentionally interfere with the effective operation of any uniform All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle route or trail sign or standards if the sign or standard is legally placed by the state, any municipality or any authorized individual.
2. Possess any uniform All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle route or trail sign or standard of the type established by the Department for the warning, instruction, or information of the public, unless he or she obtained the uniform All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle route of trail sign or standard in a lawful manner.

Possession of a uniform All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle (ATV/UTV) route or trail sign or standard creates a rebuttable presumption of illegal possession.

B. Operation shall be subject to all provisions of s. 23.33, Wis. Stats., which is adopted as a part of this Ordinance by reference, pursuant to s. 23.33(1 1), Wis. Stats.

C. A copy of this Ordinance shall be forwarded by the Town Clerk to the Portage County Sheriff's Department, the Wisconsin State Patrol, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

D. Additional restrictions are as follows:

- ATV/UTV operators of all ages are encouraged to complete a certification course.
- The maximum speed on ATV/UTV routes is 35 miles per hour.
- All ATV/UTV operators shall slow the vehicle to 10 mph or less when operating within
- 150 feet of any dwelling.
- All ATV/UTV operators shall slow the vehicle to 10 mph or less when operating within 100 feet of any person who is not on a motorized vehicle including a horse rider. Care must be taken not to spook a horse.
- Operation of an ATV/UTV is permitted 24 hours per day.
- All ATV/UTVs shall be operated in single file.
- All ATV/UTV operators under the age of 18 shall wear a helmet.
- All ATV/UTVs shall always have headlights, taillights, and operating brake lights on.
- All ATV/UTVs shall be operated on maintained Town road surfaces only.
- No ATV/UTV's shall be operated on road shoulders or in road ditches. No straddling of the shoulder or ditch is allowed.
- Any load carried on the ATV/UTV must be secured to avoid loss of the load and to avoid increased instability of the vehicle.
- The ATV/UTV routes will be open year-round; however routes may be closed at any time at the discretion of the Town of Grant Board of Supervisors.

SECTION VII - ENFORCEMENT

This Ordinance may be enforced by any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

SECTION VIII - PENALTIES

The penalties under s. 23.33 (13) (a), Wis. Stats. are adopted by reference.

SECTION IX - SEVERABILITY

Should any portion of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION X - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance is effective upon publication or posting. The Town Clerk shall properly publish this Ordinance as required under s. 60.80, Wis. Stats.

The Town of Grant voted to adopt this Ordinance on June 29, 2016
The Town of Grant voted to amend this Ordinance on June 7, 2017
The Town of Grant voted to amend this Ordinance on April 11, 2018

The Town of Grant voted to amend this Ordinance on June 27, 2018
The Town of Grant voted to amend this Ordinance on May 28, 2019
The Town of Grant voted to amend this Ordinance on July 10, 2019
The Town of Grant voted to amend this Ordinance on April 21st, 2026.

Amended and approved by the Town of Grant board April 21st, 2026. Adopted April 23rd, 2026.

Sharon Schwab, Chairperson

Scott Provost, Supervisor

Doug Steltenpohl, Supervisor

Attested to and entered into the minutes by
Stefanie Schlapa, Town of Grant Clerk, Portage County, Wisconsin.

Stefanie Schlapa, Clerk

4/23/, 2026
Date