

**Ordinance #2019-1 (Amended from 2013-1, Amended 11/8/20023)**  
**All-terrain Vehicle Routes Ordinance.**  
**TOWN OF PRAIRIE LAKE**

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BARRON COUNTY  
TOWN OF PRAIRIE LAKE

**SECTION I - TITLE AND PURPOSE**

The title of this ordinance is the Town of Prairie Lake All-Terrain Vehicle Route Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish all-terrain vehicle routes in the town and to regulate the operation of all-terrain vehicles in the town.

**SECTION II - AUTHORITY**

The Town Board of the Town of Prairie Lake, Barron County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority to adopt this All-Terrain Vehicle Route Ordinance under §§23.33 (8) (b) and (11) Wis. stats.

**SECTION III - ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

The Town Board of the Town of Prairie Lake, Barron County, Wisconsin, by this ordinance adopted on proper notice with a quorum and roll call vote by a majority of the Town Board present and voting, provides the authority for the town to designate all-terrain vehicle routes in the town and to regulate the use of those routes and all-terrain vehicles in the town.

**SECTION IV - OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES**

Pursuant to §23.33 (4) (d) 4., Wis. stats., except as otherwise provided in §23.33 (4), Wis. stats., no person may operate an all-terrain vehicle on the roadway portion of any highway in the town except on roadways that are designated as all-terrain vehicle routes by this ordinance. Operation of all-terrain vehicles on a roadway in the town that is an all-terrain vehicle route is authorized only for the extreme right side 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 ROUTES**

All town roads are open to ATV traffic unless otherwise posted or stated. All ATV operators must obey state and federal regulations and must stay on pavement or designated trails.

**SECTION VI - CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ROUTES**

Pursuant to §23.33 (8) (d), Wis. stats., the following restrictions are placed on the use of the town all-terrain vehicle routes designated by this resolution:

- A. Routes shall be marked with uniform all-terrain vehicle route signs in accordance with s.NR 64.12 (7), Wisconsin Administrative Code. No person may do any of the following in regard to signs marking town all-terrain vehicle routes:
1. Intentionally remove, damage, deface, move, or obstruct any uniform all-terrain vehicle route or trail sign or standard or intentionally interfere with the effective operation of any uniform all-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 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 route or trail sign or standard in a lawful manner. Possession of a uniform

- all-terrain vehicle 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 §23.33 (11), Wis. stats.
- C. Speed limit of 20 mph; ATV's must stay on blacktop – stay off shoulders and out of ditches. Board will review agreement at intervals and decide whether to renew it at those times. Infractions will not be tolerated and will be cause for nullifying the agreement forthwith. All ATV operators shall slow the vehicle to 10 mph or less when operating within 150 feet of a dwelling. All ATV operators shall ride single file.
- D. A copy of this ordinance shall be sent by the town clerk to the Barron County Sheriff's Department.

## 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 in §23.33(13)(a) Wis. Stats. are adopted by reference.

## SECTION IX SEVERABILITY

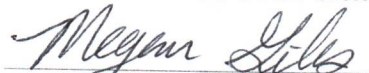
If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of Competent Jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

## SECTION X – EFFECTIVE DATE

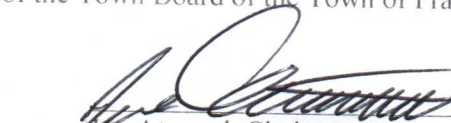
This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption by the Town Board and publishing or posting as provided by law.

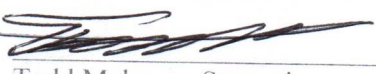
The forgoing ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Prairie Lake on November 11, 2008 & duly amended on June 9, 2009..

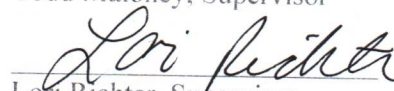
Filed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023,  
in the Office of the Town Clerk

  
Megan Giles, Clerk/Treasurer

Filed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019 in  
the office of the Town Clerk

  
Joe Atwood, Chairman

  
Todd Maloney, Supervisor

  
Lori Richter, Supervisor