

NEWS RELEASE

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DODGE COUNTY ATV/UTV ROUTES

At the recommendation of the Dodge County Highway Committee, the Dodge County Board of Supervisors amended Chapter 7 of the Dodge County Code of Ordinances to repeal and recreate Section 7.10, All-Terrain Vehicle and Utility Terrain Vehicle Routes.

Per 7.10 (4)(a) of the ordinance, all Dodge County highways are approved ATV/UTV routes. However, although all Dodge County highways are approved ATV/UTV routes, not all roads in Dodge County are open to ATV/UTV traffic. All State highways are closed to ATV/UTV traffic. City, Town, and Village streets or roads are only open to ATV/UTV traffic if the municipality has adopted ordinances allowing this use. Riders must research which City, Town, or Village streets or roads are approved by each municipality.

- County roads are identified by letter such as County B or County MM.
- State roads are identified by number such as 33 or 151.
- City, Town, and Village streets or roads are identified by name such as Main Street or Pond Road.

Section (5) Operation of ATVs and UTVs; Limitations, reads as follows:

- (a) Operators must abide by all traffic laws unless further restricted by this Section.
- (b) No ATV/UTV shall be operated at a speed greater than that established by the Highway Committee for the route or the posted limit applicable to automobiles, whichever is lower.
- (c) ATVs/UTVs may be operated on paved surfaces only, unless yielding the right-of-way.
- (d) No ATV/UTV may be operated on any route without fully functional headlights, taillights, and brake lights.
- (e) No ATV/UTV may be operated on any route between the hours of 11:59 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. daily, unless a different restriction on hours of operation has been specified by the Highway Committee for the open segment of County Trunk Highway and notice of the same is duly posted.
- (f) All ATV/UTV operators shall ride in single file.

- (g) All ATV/UTV operators shall ride on the right hand side of the paved portion of the highway, unless making a left turn. Operation on the gravel shoulders, grassy in-slope, ditches, or other highway right-of-way is prohibited, unless yielding right-of-way.
- (h) No ATV/UTV may be operated on any route if the ATV/UTV does not meet all applicable Federal noise and air pollution standards.
- (i) No person under the age of 16 may operate an ATV/UTV on any route.
- (j) No person under the age of 18 may operate an ATV/UTV on any route unless wearing approved protective headgear.
- (k) Every person who operates an ATV/UTV on a County Trunk Highway shall have in his or her immediate possession a valid motor vehicle operator's license, and shall display the license document upon demand from any law enforcement officer or official described in §23.33(12), Wis. Stats.

**Operators of ATVs/UTVs on county highways shall do so at their own risk and assume all risks, hazards, and responsibilities of ATV/UTV operation.**

The entire ordinance may be found by following this link:

[https://library.municode.com/wi/dodge\\_county/ordinances/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=1151396](https://library.municode.com/wi/dodge_county/ordinances/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=1151396)

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