TOWN OF MARSHFIELD-WOOD COUNTY Ordinance # 23-01

AMENDED ORDINANCE #25-02

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ROUTES AND REGULATING THE OPERATION OF ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES

Section I – AUTHORIZED USE OF ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES.

A. The use of all-terrain vehicles will be authorized for personal use on designated public roads in the Town of Marshfield while in compliance with all of Wisconsin All-Terrain Vehicle Laws.

Section II - ROUTES.

- A. All town roads are open to all terrain and utility vehicles.
- B. The allowable routes mentioned in subsection (A) of this section do not include private roads or driveways or any private property in the town. The town shall retain the right to close any town road to the operation of all terrain and utility vehicles for special events, unlawful use, street construction/repair without notice.

Section III - CONDITIONS

- A. The town accepts no liability for the operation of all terrain and utility vehicles on any town road.
 - 1) All ATV/UTV operators shall travel at a maximum speed of the posted speed limit.
 - 2) All ATV/UTV operators shall ride in the proper operating lane, not on the shoulder, and in single file.
 - 3) All ATV/UTV operated on town roads pursuant to this division shall have the following: properly working equipment.
 - a) One or more headlights
 - b) A red rear light and a working red brake light
 - c) Brakes in good mechanical condition.
 - d) A muffler system and such other equipment or devices that comply with the noise level standards set forth.
 - 4) ATV/UTV's operated on town roads shall be currently registered by the state in accordance with state law. Registration does not constitute a license to cross or operate an ATV/UTV on public or private lands.
 - 5) At all times, while operating an ATV/UTV on Town roads, operators born after January 1st, 1988, shall have passed an approved safety course. The driver of an ATV/UTV shall obey all state laws regarding the operation of ATV/UTV's.
 - 6) All ATV/UTV's must be licensed and insured.

Section IV - ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

- A. This ordinance shall be enforced by any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the laws of the state, county or town ordinances.
- B. Penalty for non-compliance will result in forfeiture. State citations will be in compliance with State of Wisconsin uniform state traffic deposit schedule.
- C. Town ordinance (Disorderly conduct with ATV/UTV) forfeiture not lower than \$100 nor higher than \$500 and are payable to Town of Marshfield Clerk.

Section V – EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.

Passed this 10th Day of April 2023 Amended this 14th Day of July, 2025.

John Salzmann, Chairman

Jamet/A. Meyer, Clerk