

**TOWN OF MINONG
ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ROUTE
ORDINANCE 2024-01**

Authority - The Town Board of the Town of Minong, Washburn County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority to adopt this ordinance under the provisions of Sections 23.33(8)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The Town Board of the Town of Minong does ordain as follows:

1) That all Town Roads under the jurisdiction of The Town of Minong shall be designated as All-Terrain Vehicle and Utility-Terrain Vehicle routes unless otherwise stated, **THE STRETCH ON NANCY LAKE ROAD FROM W6649 TO COUNTY ROAD I IS CLOSED TO ATV/UTV.**

2) Speed Limits - The speed limits for ATV/UTVs on approved routes (Section 1) shall be a maximum of 40 mph OR the posted speed limit, whichever is the lower MPH.

3) ATV/UTVs shall operate on the extreme right side of the roadway and travel with the flow of traffic. If blacktop surface, ATV/UTV should stay on the road, not on the shoulder.

4) ATV/UTV's are to be operated in a single file line on Town Roads.

5) ATV/UTV operators shall yield the right-of-way to all other vehicular traffic and pedestrians.

6) Headlights shall be turned on and in working order at all times while operating on any roadway or shoulder.

7) All ATV operators at least age 12 and born on or after January 1, 1988 must possess a valid ATV safety certificate issued by the state or any other state or province. Operators must be in possession of this certificate while operating in areas open to the public such as trails, routes and frozen waterways and display it to a law enforcement officer upon request. Certified operators may transport other passengers. ATV Safety Institute (ASI) certificates are not valid in Wisconsin.

A. ATV Supervision Requirement – All ATV safety certified operators age 12-15 must also be accompanied by an adult while operating on a designated ATV Route except for operation for agricultural purposes with adult supervision.

8) All UTV operators at least age 16 and born on or after January 1, 1988 must possess a valid ATV safety certificate issued by the state or any other state or province. Operators must be in possession of this certificate while operating in areas open to the public such as trails, routes and frozen waterways and display it to a law enforcement officer upon request. Certified operators may transport other passengers. ATV Safety Institute (ASI) and Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association (ROVHA) certificates are not valid in Wisconsin.

9) All ATV/UTV operators and passengers under the age of 18 are required to wear a minimum DOT standard ATV or motorcycle helmet. Bicycle helmets do not meet this requirement.

10) Operators of ATV/UTVs violating any of the above conditions would be subject to the underlying violation of illegally operating on the roadway.

11) Operators of ATV/UTVs travel at their own risk and the Town of Minong will not be liable for any damages or injuries to operators of vehicles occurring in the Town of Minong.

12) The Minong Police Department, Washburn County Sheriff's Department, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) are designated law enforcement agencies responsible for enforcing the provisions of this Ordinance.

13) The penalty for violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance is \$50.00 for the first offence, \$75.00 for the second offence and \$100.00 for any additional offences.

14) The Town has the ability and authority to close a route, for cause, as needed to meet Town purposes.

15) This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication as provided by law, and shall repeal and replace all previous ATV/UTV ordinances heretofore enacted by the Town of Minong.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024.

By the Town Board of the Town of Minong.

CHAIRMAN

ATTESTED BY: TOWN CLERK

Please note that this ordinance shall take effect upon publication or posting as set forth in s. 60.80, Wis. Stats.