

## Ordinance # 2019-02.1

### All-Terrain/Utility Terrain Vehicles Trails and Routes Town of Union, Waupaca County, Wisconsin

#### Section 1-Intent

The **Town of Union**, Waupaca County, Wisconsin hereby adopts the following all terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility terrain vehicle (UTV) upon roadways listed in Section 3.

#### Section 2-Statutory Authority

This route is created pursuant to township authority as authorized by 23.33 (8) (b) , Wis. Stats. The applicable provisions of 23.33 regulating ATV/UTV operations pursuant to routes and trails are adopted.

#### Section 3-Routes and Trails

1. The **Town of Union** reserves the right to close or modify routes and trails at anytime. Any restrictions of trails and routes shall be designated by a motion and by majority of the **Town of Union** board and shall be marked accordingly.
2. The **Town of Union** or its designee shall maintain all routes and trail signs within the township.
3. All ATV/UTV routes and trails should be signed in accordance with NR 64.12 and NR 64.12 (7) (c). The primary use of the all-terrain vehicle routes sign and arrow is to alert the trail user that it is permissible to use the traveled portion of the road or highway for travel. The signs also alert others that the road or highway is a route. The routes may be signed in accordance to WI SS 23.33 (8) (e) or a combination thereof. The **Town of Union** may designate a preferred route to connect with other routes that connect to other municipalities.
4. All township roads, sidewalks, alleyways and transportation marked corridors within the **Town of Union** are hereby designated as ATV/UTV routes. Authorized private lands subject to public easement or leases are designated trails. All county roadways located in the **Township of Union** are hereby declared as ATV/UTV routes if authorized by the County of Waupaca.
5. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 23.33 (11)(am)4., the Town of Union authorizes the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles on the portions of WIS 22 that have a posted speed limit of 35 mph or less and are located within the territorial boundaries of the Town of Union. This area shall be posted as an all- terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle route.
6. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. ss. 23.33(4)(d)3.b. and (11)(am)3., the Town of Union authorizes the operation of ATVs and UTVs on bridges 1,000 feet or less on state and county highways located in the township only if Waupaca County has enacted a similar ordinance for the same bridges. Operators shall:
  - a) Cross the bridge in the most direct manner practicable and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing.

- b) Stay as far to the right of the roadway or shoulder as practicable.
- c) Stop the vehicle prior to crossing.
- d) Yield the right-of-way to other vehicles, pedestrians, electric scooters, and electric personal assistive mobility devices using the roadway or shoulder.
- e) Exit the highway as quickly and safely as practicable after crossing the bridge, which may be a connecting county or town road, or ATV trail, which completes the route or trail.

7. The Town of Union will maintain a route and trail map.

#### **Section 4-Conditions**

1. All ATV/UTV operators on routes shall observe posted roadway speed limits.
2. All ATV/UTV operators shall ride single file.
3. Operators of ATV/UTV shall observe all laws of this state pertaining to the use of an ATV/UTV.

**Section 5-Enforcement**

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

**Section 6-Penalties**

Wisconsin state ATV/UTV penalties as found in s.23.33 (13) (a) Wis. Stats. are adopted by reference.

**Section 7-Severability**

The provision of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the **Town of Union** would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provision may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to the other persons circumstances shall not be deemed affected.

**Section-8 Effective Date**

**This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.**

Passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2026.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town Chairman

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Supervisor I

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Supervisor II

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