

Town of Coon

All-Terrain and Off-Road Utility Vehicle Route Ordinance

Section I – Intent

This is an ordinance adopted by the Town of Coon designating roadway routes for all terrain vehicles (hereinafter “ATV” or “ATV's”) and off-road utility vehicles (hereinafter “UTV” or “UTV's”). Routes are listed in Section III.

Section II – Authority

The routes are created under Wisconsin Act 208 and Wisconsin State Statute 23.33 (11).

Section III – Routes

All Town of Coon roads are designated as ATV/UTV routes.

The following county trunk highways within the Town of Coon are designated as ATV/UTV routes.

1. County Highway KK
2. County Highway GG
3. County Highway GG
4. County Highway B

The county highway trunks designated as ATV/UTV routes shall be approved by the Vernon County Highway Committee, the Vernon County Sheriff's Committee, and the Vernon County Highway Safety Committee. The Vernon County Highway Committee's policies and procedures apply to the designation of county trunk highways in the Town of Coon as ATV/UTV routes. Any modification to a designated ATV/UTV route shall be approved by the Vernon County Highway Committee. The Vernon County Highway has the authority to close or terminate designated county trunk highway ATV/UTV routes in the Town of Coon. The Vernon County Highway Department shall maintain a map wherein said routes are further described and identified.

Section IV – Conditions

1. All ATV/UTV drivers must carry liability insurance.
2. All ATV/UTV's must be properly registered with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources prior to operating on the routes.
3. All ATV/UTV operators shall follow the following speed limits in the Town of Coon. The maximum speed on all routes will be 35 MPH. If a route is posted at a lower speed that posting applies as the speed limit.
4. All ATV/UTV operators shall slow the vehicle to 10 MPH or less if operating within 150 feet of a dwelling.
5. All ATV/UTV operators shall operate on the paved portion of a roadway. Operation on the gravel shoulders, grassy in-slopes, ditches, and other road right-of-ways is prohibited.
6. All ATV/UTV operators shall ride in single file on the right-hand side of the paved portion of the roadway.
7. All ATV/UTV operators shall have their head light and tail light illuminated while operating on an approved route.

8. All ATV's/UTV's without tail lights shall have reflectors or a SMV sign.
9. ATV/UTV operators born after January 1, 1988 operating on a county highway trunk are required to have a ATV Safety Certificate provided by the Department of Natural Resources.
10. ATV/UTV operators shall be 16 years of age or older.
11. ATV/UTV operators under the age of 18 shall wear protective headgear of the type required by Wisconsin State Statute 347.485 (1) (a).
12. ATV/UTV operators shall engage in recreational use of the routes between the hours of 4:00AM and 10:00PM only.

Section V – Signage

Routes must be signed in accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 64.12.

The Town of Coon has the authority and responsibility to post signs on town roads designated as ATV/UTV routes.

The Vernon County Highway Department has the authority and responsibility to post signs on county trunk highways in the Town of Coon designated as ATV/UTV routes.

Section VI – Enforcement

This ordinance shall be enforced by any law enforcement officer of the Vernon County Sheriff's Department or any other law enforcement official as set forth by Wisconsin State Statute 23.33 (12).

Section VII – Penalties

The Wisconsin ATV penalties found in Wisconsin State Statute 23.33 (13) are adopted by reference.

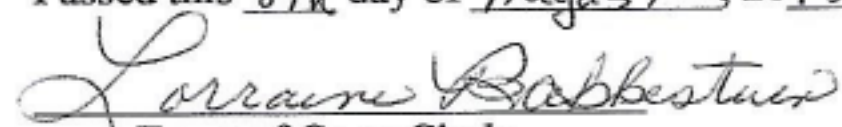
Section VIII – Severability

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 person's circumstances shall not be deemed affected.

Section IX – Effective Date

This ordinance becomes effective upon passage by the Town of Coon Board and publication.

Passed this 8th day of August, 2018.


Town of Coon Clerk