

7.13 OPEN ALL COUNTY HIGHWAYS AS ATV ROUTES EXCEPT CERTAIN COUNTY HIGHWAYS IDENTIFIED BY THE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE (ORD. #4-2020)

(1) TITLE AND PURPOSE

- (a) This Ordinance is titled “ALL-TERRIAN VEHICLE ROUTES AND REGULATING THE OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES ON COUNTY HIGHWAYS”. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish all-terrain vehicle routes in the County and to regulate the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles in the County. Any ATV routes designated by Langelde County are intended for recreational use only.

(2) AUTHORITY

- (a) The County Board of Langelde County adopts this ordinance pursuant to its authority under Section 23.33(8)(b) and (11), Wis. Stats.

(3) APPLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE

- (a) This Ordinance shall apply to all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles (UTV) as those terms are defined by Sec. 23.33, Wis. Stats. All references to all-terrain vehicles (ATV) shall also apply to the utility terrain vehicles (UTV).
- (b) This Ordinance applies to the operation of an ATV on or adjacent to County Highways and on County Highways designated as ATV routes.
- (c) By this Ordinance the County Board adopts Sec. 23.33, Wis. Stats., and any amendments thereto. To the extent that provisions of this Ordinance impose greater restrictions on ATV operation than set forth in Sec. 23.33, Wis. Stats., the provision of this Ordinance shall apply and prevail.

(4) DESIGNATION OF ATV ROUTES

- (a) All county trunk highways within the unincorporated areas of Langelde County are designated as ATV Routes for recreational use only, except county trunk highways deems unsafe for ATV operation by the Highway Commissioner and the Highway Committee. A list of county trunk highways NOT designated as ATV Routes shall be posted on the County’s website and available for public inspection at the County Highway Department.

That portion of any county trunk highway that traverses within the municipal boundaries of a city or village is NOT designated as a County ATV Route and is subject to regulation or designation by the governing body of such city or village.

- (b) The Highway Commissioner, or Commissioner’s designee, shall have the authority to close any ATV route on the County Trunk Highway System. Upon closure of an ATV route, the Highway Department shall place and/or remove signs indicating the operational status of the ATV route.
- (c) The Highway Commissioner, or Commissioner’s designee, shall have authority to place restrictions on ATV routes (i.e., change posted speed limits) consistent with the Highway Department’s ATV Route Policy; and post and/or replace signs indicating restrictions that apply to the ATV route.
- (d) The Highway Commissioner, or Commissioner’s designee shall have the authority to enter into agreements with ATV clubs to maintain ATV Routes, including but not limited to agreements to maintain required signs and for other services necessary to promote the safe operations of ATV Routes.