

**VILLAGE OF CLINTON, ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
ORDINANCE 26 - 01**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 32-23 TO THE VILLAGE OF CLINTON  
CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 32 'MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC'  
CREATING ATV/UTV ROUTES ON VILLAGE ROADS

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Village Board of the Village of Clinton, County of Rock, State of Wisconsin, ordains as follows:

**SECTION I:** Section 32-23 shall be added to Chapter 32 of the Village of Clinton Code of Ordinances and shall be captioned "ATV/UTV ROUTES AND REGULATIONS." It shall read as follows:

**SECTION 32-23  
ATV/UTV ROUTES AND REGULATIONS**

**SECTION 1. TITLE AND PURPOSE**

The title of this section is "ATV/UTV Routes and Regulations." The purpose of this section is to establish All-Terrain Vehicle ("ATV") and Utility Terrain Vehicle ("UTV") routes in the Village of Clinton ("Village") and to regulate the operation of ATV/UTVs in the Village.

**SECTION 2. AUTHORITY AND GENERAL REGULATION**

The Village Board of the Village of Clinton, Rock County, Wisconsin ("Village Board") has the specific authority to adopt this ATV/UTV Routes and Regulations Ordinance under Wis. Stats. §23.33. The Village Board retains the right to close any Village Road to ATV/UTV operation for any reason, including but not limited to special events, unlawful use, and road construction or repair. Said closures of Village roads to ATV/UTV use may occur without prior notice. The Village accepts no liability for the operation of ATV/UTVs on any Village Road under the provisions of this ordinance. Operation of ATV/UTVs is at the operator's own risk. ATV/UTV operators within the Village shall abide by all state, county, and local laws, and the applicable provisions of Wis. Stat. §23.33 regulating ATV/UTV operations are adopted by reference and made part of this ordinance.

### SECTION 3. STATE LAWS ADOPTION

- A. The provisions of Wis. Stats. §23.33 with respect to the regulation of all ATV/UTV vehicles, including any future amendments thereof, are hereby adopted by reference and made part of this section as if fully set forth herein. Acts required to be performed or prohibited by such statutes are required or prohibited in this section.
- B. The operator of ATV/UTV shall be subject to Wis. Stats. §346.02(11), 346.04, 346.06, 346.11, 346.14(1), 346.18, 346.19, 346.21, 346.215(3), 346.27, 346.33, 346.35, 346.37, 346.39, 346.44, 346.46, 346.47, 346.48, 346.50, 346.50(1)(b), 346.51, 346.52, 346.53, 346.54, 346.55, 346.71, 346.87, 346.88, 346.89, 346.90, 346.91, 346.92(1), and 346.94(1) and (9). Acts required to be performed or prohibited by such statutes are required or prohibited by this chapter.

### SECTION 4. ROUTES

- A. Village roads within the Village of Clinton are designated as ATV/UTV routes pursuant to Wis. Stats. §23.33 (8)(b)2.
- B. The Village of Clinton authorizes the operation of ATV/UTV's on State Highway 140, County Highway X and County Highway J within the village limits where posted speeds are less than 35 mph, pursuant to Wis. Stats. §23.33(11)(am)4.
- C. All authorized ATV/UTV routes shall be signed in accordance with Wis. Stats. §23.33 (8)(e). The Village, or its designee, shall maintain all route signs within the Village. Any restrictions on authorized routes shall be designated by majority vote of the Village Board and shall be marked/signed accordingly.

### SECTION 5. OPERATION OF ATV/UTVs

All ATV/UTV operators on Village routes must comply with the following conditions of operation:

- (1) ATV/UTV operators shall observe the posted roadway speed limits in the lane of travel.
- (2) ATV/UTV operators shall ride single file.
- (3) ATV/UTV operators are prohibited from riding on the shoulder of the road or in the ditch.
- (4) ATV/UTV operators shall have a valid ATV Safety Certificate, a valid Driver's License, and be at least sixteen (16) years of age.
- (5) ATV/UTV operators and riders under the age of eighteen (18) must wear a helmet.

- (6) ATV/UTVs shall have headlights, taillights, and brake lights on while operating on any Village route and must operate with a muffler that falls within the legal decibel limits.
- (7) ATV/UTV operators shall use hand signals if their machines are not equipped with turn signals.
- (8) ATV/UTVs shall be registered with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and have up-to-date stickers and license plates. The stickers and plates shall be placed on the vehicle as mandated by the most up to date Department of Natural Resources guidelines.

#### SECTION 6. ENFORCEMENT

This ordinance shall be enforced by any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the laws of the Village of Clinton, Rock County, and/or the State of Wisconsin.

Consistent with Wis. Stat. §23.33(11)(b) the Village Clerk shall immediately send a copy of this ordinance to the Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin State Highway Patrol and to the Rock County Sheriff's Department.

#### SECTION 7. PENALTIES

Wisconsin state ATV/UTV penalties as found in Wis. Stat. §23.33(13)(a) are adopted by reference and made part of this ordinance.

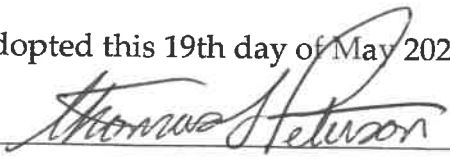
#### SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

#### SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect May 15, 2026, or after the Village of Clinton properly posts roadway signs throughout the Village designating Village ATV/UTV routes.

Adopted this 19th day of May 2026.

  
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Thomas Peterson, Village Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Pam Franseen, Village Clerk