ORDINANCE #01-2025

TOWN OF NEW CHESTER

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ATV/UTV ORDINANCES #2019-04, 2020-04 AND 2021-04

The Town Board of the Town of New Chester, Adams County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows.

SECTION 1: PUROSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish all-terrain vehicle and utility task vehicle routes within the Town of New Chester and to regulate the operation of ATV/UTVs in the town.

Following due consideration of the recreational and economic value to connect trail opportunities and weighed against possible dangers, public health, liability aspects, terrain involved, traffic density and automobile traffic volume, this route has been created.

SECTION 2: AUTHORITY

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority given to Towns under sections 23.33(4)(d),23.33(8)(b) and 23.33(11) Wis. Stats. The Town Board of the Town of New Chester, Adams County, Wisconsin, will retain the right to close any Town road to ATV/UTV operation for any reason, including but not limited to special events unlawful use, and road construction repair. Said closures of Town roads to ATV/UTV operation may occur without notice. The Town of New Chester accepts no liability for the operation of ATV/UTV on any town road under the provisions of this ordinance. Operation of ATV/UTVs is at the operators own risk. UTV/ATVs that operate on the routes shall abide by all state laws regulating ATV/UTV operation.

SECTION 3: ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

The Town Board of the Town of New Chester, Adams County Wisconsin, by this ordinance adopted on proper notice with a majority of the town board present and voting, provides the authority for the town to designate ATV/UTV vehicle routes in the town and to regulate the use of those routes and ATV/UTVs in the town.

SECTION 4: DESIGNATION OF ATV/UTV ROUTES

PURSUANT TO S. 23.33(4)(D)4., Wis stats., except as otherwise provided in s. 23.33(4), Wis. Stats., the following routes are designated ATV/UTV routes in the town.

 All roads under the jurisdiction of the Town of New Chester are designated allterrain vehicle/utility task vehicle routes unless otherwise indicated below. This ordinance also includes County Highway E from 6th ave. to County Highway B. This designation excludes state and federal highways and all private roads.

SECTION 5: CONDITIONS

As condition for the use of these routes, the following conditions shall apply to all operators (and passengers);

- 1. All ATV/UTV operators shall observe posted speed limits.
- 2. All ATV/UTV operators shall ride single file.
- 3. Routes must be signed in accordance with NR 64.12 and NR 64.12(7)c.

SECTION 6: ENFORCEMENT

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

SECTION 7: PENALTIES

Wisconsin state All-Terrain Vehicle penalties as found in s. 23.33 (13) (a) Wis. Stats., are adopted by reference.

SECTION 8: SEVERABILITY

The provision of this ordinance shall be deemed severable, and it is expressly declared that the Town would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective of weather 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 other persons circumstances shall not be deemed affected.

SECTION 9: EFFECTIVE DATE

Posted:

This ordinance becomes effective, and routes will be open only after signs are installed and approved by the Town of New Chester. The Town Clerk shall publish or post this ordinance as required under section 60.80 Wis. Stats.

1. This ordinance shall remain in effect unless the Town of New Chester at a time decides to repeal said ordinance

ADOPTED THIS 20TH DAY OF January 2025

Charles Kotlowski, Chairperson

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Bill McChesney, Supervisor

Charles Quick, Supervisor

Stephanie Brehm, Clerk