

TOWN OF BUFFALO

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TO: Buffalo County Sheriff Department
407 South Second Street
Alma, WI 54610

FROM: Steve B. James 
Chairman
Town of Buffalo Board Supervisors

RE: Updated (Revised) ATV Ordinance

DATE: December 18, 2024

Enclosed find the updated (revised) ATV/UTV Ordinance for the Town of Buffalo.

This ordinance was approved by the Town of Buffalo Board Supervisors in October but posting was delayed until appropriate highway signage could be arranged. Contact has now been made with Buffalo County ATV Trail Riders Club regarding placement of the appropriate signage.

Thank you.

**ORDINANCE 023-24
ALL-TERRAIN AND UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES**

The purpose of Ordinance 023-24 (Replaces 022-21) is to establish All-Terrain (ATV) and Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) routes and to regulate the operation of these vehicles in the Town of Buffalo, Buffalo County, Wi., State of Wisconsin.

SECTION I – INTENT

Following due consideration of the recreational value, to connect trail opportunities and weighted against possible dangers, public health, liability aspects, terrain involved, traffic density and history of automobile traffic, the Town of Buffalo adopts this ATV/UTV Ordinance for the operation of All-Terrain and Utility-Terrain Vehicles on roadways within the Town of Buffalo, WI.

SECTION II – STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The Town Board Supervisors of the Town of Buffalo has the specific authority to adopt this ATV/UTV Ordinance under Wis.Stats.23.33(8)(b) and (11).

SECTION III – APPROVED ROUTES DESIGNATION (MAP ATTACHED)

Bluff Siding RD	0.91 Municipal miles
Brandhorst RD	2.09 Municipal miles
Chicken Valley RD (Intersection Bluff Siding RD to Recycle site)	1.30 Municipal miles
Cole Bluff LN	1.18 Municipal miles
Piepers Valley RD	4.40 Municipal miles
Plattes Valley RD	3.10 Municipal Miles

NOTE: The Town of Buffalo Board Supervisors, by legal board action, have authority to terminate, amend or adjust any or all approved routes or approved access roads.

SECTION IV – OPERATOR CONDITIONS

- A. All operators must have liability insurance and have a valid driver's license.
- B. All ATV/UTV vehicles must be properly registered with the Wis. DNR
- C. All operators must observe the posted speed limit or no more than 35 MPH whichever is lower.
- D. All operators must operate on paved portions of the roadway. Operation on gravel shoulders, grass slopes, ditches or other highway right of way is prohibited.
- E. Operators must ride in single file on the right side of paved highway portion.

F. All vehicles must have illuminated headlights and taillights and working brake lights while in operation on an approved road.

G. Operators born after January 1, 1988 are required to have an ATV Safety Certificate provided by the Wisconsin DNR.

H. ATV/UTV vehicles are allowed for operation on approved roads from 5 AM to 10 PM.

I. No one under 12 years of age can operate an ATV/UTV on any roads.

J. Operators ages 12 to 15 must be accompanied by a licensed adult age 16 or above.

K. All operators under age 18 must wear protective headgear of the type required by Wis.Stats.347.485(1)(a).

NOTE: It shall be unlawful for any person to possess any bottle or receptacle containing alcohol beverages if the bottle or receptacle has been opened, the seal broken, or the contents been partially removed while operating or as a passenger on an ATV/UTV on any road route in the Town of Buffalo.

SECTION V – ROUTE CONDITIONS

ATV/UTV routes shall be marked with uniform ATV/UTV route signs in accordance with NR 64.12(7), Wisconsin Administrative Code.

No person may do any of the following in regard to signs marking ATV/UTV routes:

- 1 Intentionally remove, damage, deface, move or obstruct any uniform ATV/UTV route or trail sign or intentionally interfere with the effective operation of any uniform ATV/UTV route or trail sign if the sign is legally placed by the state, municipality or authorized individual.
- 2 Possess any uniform ATV/UTV route or trail sign or standard of the type established by Buffalo County, Town of Buffalo or State of Wisconsin for the warning, instruction or information of the public unless the sign was obtained in a lawful manner. Possession of a uniform ATV/UTV route or trail sign creates a rebuttable presumption of illegal possession.

A copy of this ordinance shall be sent to the Department of Natural Resources, Buffalo County Sheriff and other law enforcement agencies serving the Town of Buffalo.

SECTION VI – ENFORCEMENT

This ordinance shall be enforced by any law enforcement officer of the Buffalo County Sheriff Dept. or other law enforcement official as set forth in Wis.Stats23.33(12)

SECTION VII – PENALTIES

Wisconsin state all-terrain vehicle penalties WIS.Stats.23.33(13)(a) adopted by reference.

SECTION VIII – SEVERABILITY

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

SECTION IX – EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication (pending placement of signage.)

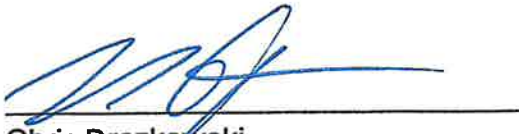
Passed this 22nd day of October 2024



Steve B. James
Town Board Chairman



Claire Waters
Board Supervisor 1

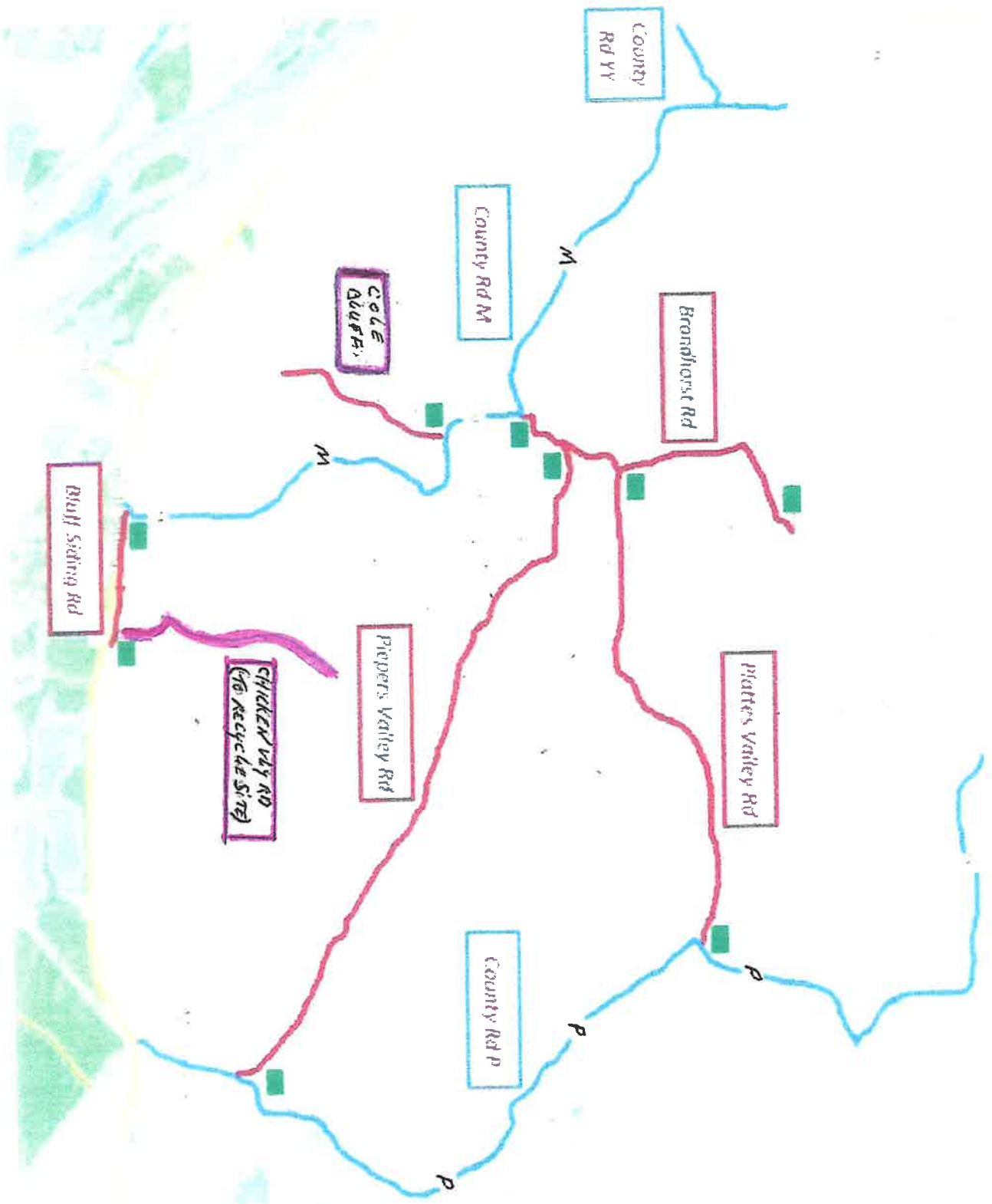


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