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**ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATV)**

**AUTHORITY.** Under authority granted in 24 V.S.A, Chapter 59, 24 V.S.A 2291(4), and 23 V.S.A 3510, the Selectboard of the Town of Bradford hereby adopts the following civil ordinance regulating the time, manner, and location of operation of all-terrain vehicles (ATV's) with the town.

**PURPOSE.** The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health and safety of operators of ATV's and of the residents of the town and to protect the animals, property and environment of the town.

**DEFINITIONS.**

- A) "All-terrain vehicle," or "ATV", means any non-highway recreational vehicle, except snowmobiles, when used for cross-country travel on trails or on any one of the following or a combination thereof: water, snow, ice, marsh, swampland and natural terrain.
- B) "Operate" shall include any attempt to operate and shall be construed to cover all matters and things connected with the presence and use of all-terrain vehicles whether they are in motion or at rest.

**GENERAL REGULATIONS:**

- 1) ATV operators must follow all the regulations of VSA Title 23 relating to ATV's. The definition of an ATV is as specified in VSA 23 section 3501.
- 2) A valid VASA plate must be attached to the ATV at all times. All ATV operators are encouraged to join a Vermont ATV Club.
- 3) Speed limits on designated roads shall be a maximum of 20mph. Speed limits will be enforced by radar and Vermont Traffic Complaints issued under VSA 1007 for any violations of the speed limit.
- 4) All ATV operators shall yield the right of way to all other motor vehicles and pedestrians using the highway. ATV's must be operated as far to the right of the highway as possible. ATV's must operate in single file. All roads shall be closed to the use of ATV's from March 15 to May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- 5) No ATV may operate on a roadway from midnight to seven o'clock am.
- 6) All ATV's must have liability insurance to travel on designated roads.

**TOWN HIGHWAYS OPEN TO ATV USE.**

- 1) Kidderhood Road from its intersection with Rowell Brook Road to the West Fairlee town line.
- 2) Brushweed Road from its intersection with Rowell Brook Road to the Fairlee town line.
- 3) Sand Hill from its intersection with Lake Morey Road to the end of Sand Hill Road.

**SIGNS.**

- 1) All Town Highways that are open to ATV's must be so posted. These signs shall comply with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices in form and placement.
- 2) The responsibility of posting and maintaining these signs is that of the Northeast Trail Blazer Club. The Bradford Town Highway Foreman should approve the manner in which these signs are posted.

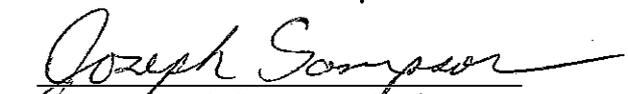
**ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES.**

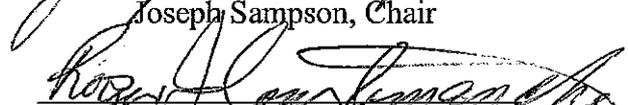
- 1) Enforcement of the statutes and this ordinance lies with State, County and local law enforcement agencies.
- 2) A municipal fine of \$50.00 may be imposed for any violation of this ordinance in addition to any enforcement action issued by law enforcement.

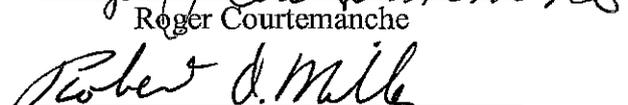
**SEVERABILITY.** If any section of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall to invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Bradford Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.

ADOPTED ON 7/14/05

  
Joseph Sampson, Chair

  
Roger Courtemanche

  
Robert Miller