

GOODHUE COUNTY ORDINANCE
Number 10.14

ORDINANCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ON
ROADS WITHIN THE COUNTY'S JURISDICTION

THE COUNTY OF GOODHUE DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION I.
PURPOSE

Minnesota Statutes §§ 169.045 and 84.92-84.928 generally regulate the use of all-terrain vehicles within the right-of-way for trunk highways, county state-aid highways, and county roads. Consistent with these statutes, and to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, as well as to preserve the integrity of well-vegetated ditch slopes and bottoms, the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners hereby ordains the following provisions to allow the use of Class I all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on County State-Aid Highways and County Aid Roads within Goodhue County.

SECTION II.
DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to this ordinance:

- A. "ATV" or "all-terrain vehicles" shall be defined by Minnesota Statute § 84.92.
- B. "County" means the County of Goodhue, Minnesota.
- C. "County State-Aid Highway" means all roads designated in Goodhue County as County State-Aid Highways.
- D. "County Aid Roads" or "CAR" means all roads designated as County roads.
- E. "Class I ATV" shall be defined by Minnesota Statute § 84.92.
- F. "Roadway" means the extreme right-hand side of the road right-of-way.
- G. "Right-of-Way" shall be defined by Minnesota Statute § 84.92.

SECTION III.
PERMITTED OPERATION OF CLASS I ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES ON ROADS IN GOODHUE COUNTY

In accordance with this ordinance and Minnesota Statute § 169.045, it shall be permissible to operate a Class I ATV on the following road right-of-ways in Goodhue County by permit:

All gravel-surfaced CSAH right-of-ways and CAR right-of-ways and all paved CSAH and CAR right-of-ways, except those listed in Paragraph 5 of this section.

1. Persons operating ATVs on any of the roadways listed in section III must operate the ATV on the extreme right-hand side of the road and make left turns across the road only if it is safe to do so under prevailing conditions.
2. Except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, all ATVs and operation of ATVs shall comply with Minnesota Statutes §§ 169.045 and 84.92-84.928, as well as any other Federal, State, or local law, rule, or regulation.
3. Persons operating ATVs within the right-of-way of any roadways listed above shall not operate their ATV on the inside slope, ditch bottom, or outside slope of the right-of-way, unless such operation is permitted by appropriate trail designation or signage.
4. Times of operation: All-terrain vehicles may only be operated on designated roadways from sunrise to sunset, unless equipped with original equipment headlights, taillights, and rear-facing brake lights. They shall not be operated in inclement weather or when visibility is impaired to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway, except during emergency conditions.
5. County roads closed to ATV operation:

CSAH 18 from TH 61 to CSAH 19,

CSAH 20 from CSAH 24 to TH 19,

CSAH 24 from Willow Tr. to 318th Ave.,

CSAH 29 from TH 20 to Dakota Co Line,

CSAH 1 between CSAH 66 and TH 61,

CR 53 from Grandview Trailer Court to TH 61

SECTION IV.
REQUIREMENTS FOR A PERMIT

1. Application shall be made in a form supplied by the County and shall contain the information listed below. All permits shall be issued by the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office or other appropriate agency.
2. All ATV owners must provide proof of liability insurance at all times when operating on a roadway and a valid certificate of insurance coverage must be submitted at the time of the permit application.
3. The permit shall be issued for a period of three calendar years (January 1 through December 31), and may be renewed thereafter.

4. If you do not choose to ride the roadways listed in section III of this Ordinance, you do not need a permit.
5. ATV permits from other jurisdictions will be honored in Goodhue County as long as they are filed with the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office or such other department as specified by the Administrator for Goodhue County.
6. A permit fee shall be established by Board Resolution.

SECTION V.
PENALTY

A person who violates any provision of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION VI.
SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this ordinance are severable. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this regulation be declared invalid for any reason, the remainder of said regulation shall not be affected and the remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon adoption pursuant to Minnesota law.

Dated this 3 day of February, 2015.

GOODHUE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: Ted Seifert
Ted Seifert, Chair
Goodhue County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

By: [Signature]