

Town of Littleton

Chapter 25 - Ordinance- Operation of Off- Highway Recreational Vehicles on Town Roads

I. Purpose

The Town of Littleton, NH is a tourism community that welcomes and promotes recreational use of Off Highway Recreational Vehicles, herein after, OHRV. This ordinance is intended to identify lawful operation, permitted access and travel route(s) in our community.

II. Authority

NH RSA 31:39 Purpose and Penalties

NH RSA 31:39-d Local Ordinance Citations; Pleas by Mail NH RSA

41:11 Regulation of Use of Highways. Etc.

NH RSA 215-A:10 Limitations of OHRV Operation on Class I, II, III and III-a Highways NH RSA 215-A: 15

Regulations of Political Subdivisions

III. Definitions

a. "Off Highway Recreational Vehicle" or f/OHRV" are as defined in RSA 215-A:1

b. (/Public way" is as defined in RSA 215-A:1

c. "Designated Public Way" is a "Public Way" as defined herein, that has been designated under this ordinance for use by persons operating an "OHRV."

IV. Permitted Travel Routes

a. OHRV's are only permitted to travel upon those (/designated public ways" as articulated herein (see Section VI).

b. OHRV's shall operate on the extreme right, in single file, and follow normal traffic patterns, speed and comply with NH state statute pertaining to the operation of a motor vehicle on a way.

V. Prohibitions

- a. No person shall unlawfully operate an OHRV within the Town. All persons operating an OHRV shall do so in a safe and prudent manner, complying with all traffic safety devices, signals, and signage, and fully comply with RSA 215-A.
- b. No person shall operate any OHRV on the "designated public ways" so as to endanger any person or damage any property.
- c. No person shall operate any OHRV on the "designated public ways" during the period from one half hour after sunset to one half-hour before sunrise, except in emergencies.
- d. No person shall operate an OHRV on the "designated public ways" from November 4 to May 23 of every year.
- e. No person shall operate an OHRV on the "designated public ways" without working head and tail lights.
- f. No person shall operate an OHRV on the "designated public ways" unless it is equipped with mufflers and an exhaust system which comply with the requirements of RSA 215-A:12.
- g. No person under the age 18 shall operate or ride upon an OHRV on the "designated public ways" without lawful protective headgear as articulated in RSA 215-A:13-a.

VI. Designated Public Ways

- a. Industrial Park Road from 167 Industrial Park Road to the designated entrance to the OHRV authorized section of the Ammonoosuc Rail Trail.
- b. Burndy Road

VII. Penalties/Enforcement

- a. Any person who violates the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and shall be fined:
 - First Offense \$100 fine
 - Second Offense \$250 fine
 - Third Offense \$500 fine
- b. The Town may avail itself of all possible enforcement avenues allowed by statute including, but not limited to, administrative enforcement pursuant to RSA 31:39-c.
- ~~c. This ordinance shall expire on November 4, 2022 unless said expiration date is modified or removed.~~

**Addendum to VII Penalties/Enforcement (section c)
(November 28, 2022)**

C. This ordinance will now become permanent and run concurrent with the State of New Hampshire OHRV Trails schedule and all prohibitions and restrictions outlined in the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Chapter Res 8504.02 ATV, UTV and Trail Bike Trail Restrictions.