

**CHAPTER 24**  
**TOWN OF RIB FALLS**  
**MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATV's) and UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES (UTV's) USE AND OPERATION OF TOWN ROUTES AND TRAILS: ADOPTING THE PROVISIONS OF MARATHON COUNTY ORDINANCE 7.125 TO BE APPLIED IN THE TOWN OF RIB FALLS**

**WHEREAS**, The Town Board of the Town of Rib Falls, Marathon County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority under Wisconsin State Statutes, Wis. Stat. § 23.33(8)(b) and 23.33(11)(a) which provides Towns in Wisconsin authority to designate certain roadways or highways as ATV/UTV routes and regulate the use and operation of ATVs and UTVs on certain routes within Towns; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Rib Falls, Marathon County, Wisconsin, is authorized to enact ordinances regulating ATV's and UTV's on designated routes and trails pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes, Wis. Stat. § 23.33(11); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Rib Falls recognizes that having a uniform set of procedures, requirements, and regulations for the use of ATVs and UTVs within Marathon County would support public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, § 7.125 of the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County addresses the regulation of ATVs and UTVs in Marathon County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Rib Falls has reviewed the provisions of § 7.125 of the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County (#0-39-21) and finds it appropriate to adopt the applicable provisions and regulations therein in full within the jurisdiction of the Town; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND RESOLVED** that the Town of Rib Falls does hereby adopt the provisions of § 7.125 of the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County in full to be applied to all ATV and UTV routes and trails designated as such within the jurisdiction of the Town; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE FURTHER IT ORDAINED AND RESOLVED** that the Town of Rib Falls does hereby adopt in full the regulations on ATV and UTV use, and the rules of operation as expressed in § 7.125 of the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County to be applied to the use and operation of ATVs and UTVs within the Town on designated ATV and UTV routes or trails; and

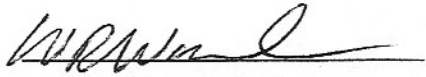
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND RESOLVED** that the Town of Rib Falls does hereby adopt the guidance of § 7.125 of the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County to be applied to the designation of ATV routes and trails within the jurisdiction of the Town; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND RESOLVED** that the Town of Rib Falls does hereby approve the enforcement of the regulations and rules of operations in § 7.125 of the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County by the Marathon County Sheriff's Office; and

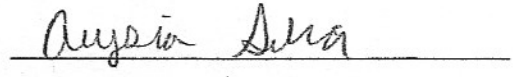
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND RESOLVED** that a copy of this Ordinance shall be sent to the State of Wisconsin, Marathon County, and local law enforcement as required by law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the ordinance shall take effect on May 1, 2022, and that the town clerk shall properly post and publish this ordinance as required under § 60.80 Wis. stats.

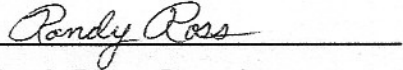
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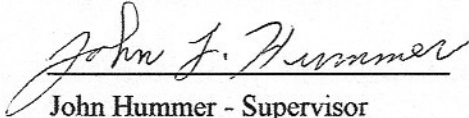
Bill Wunsch – Chairman



Attested by: Alysia Seliger - Clerk



Randy Ross - Supervisor



John Hummer - Supervisor

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**Addendum:** Town applicable guidance.

*Designation of ATV/UTV routes.*

- (a) *Designation of Town routes.* The Town Board (TB) shall designate roadway/route segments within the Town of Rib Falls as ATV/UTV accessible routes. During an annual review of all Town routes, the TB will determine if the route meets all the following criteria: a traffic volume of 1,500 vehicles per day or less.
- (b) *Public Safety Exception.* If, during the annual review of Town routes the TB determines that public safety necessitates that a route segment be opened or closed to ATV/UTV traffic, the TB may open or close that route segment to ATV/UTV traffic. The TB may consider the volume of traffic on the segment, the need to provide a safer connection between existing routes, the frequency of traffic incidents on the segment, the input of law enforcement, citizen input, or other factors relevant to public safety.
- (c) *Publication of Routes.* After completion of the annual review of route segments, the Board shall publish, in a format accessible on the Town website, a map of ATV/UTV routes within the Town of Rib Falls.
- (d) *Appeal.* Any determination of the Board relative to whether a segment of town road meets the criteria as set forth above may be appealed in writing to the Town Clerk.
- (e) *Temporary Closure of Routes.* The Board has authority to temporarily close, terminate, or modify routes at any time if conditions require such a temporary action.
- (f) *Routes not designated shall be posted.* All town routes not designated as ATV/UTV routes shall be posted to prohibit ATV/UTV use.
- (g) *Authority of Town Board.* The Town Board of Supervisors may rescind or modify the designation of an ATV/UTV route by enactment of an ordinance rescinding or modifying the designation.