TOWN OF PHELPS
AMENDED ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ROUTE ORDINANCE #2014-01
March 19, 2015
July 13, 2015

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of Phelps
Vilas County

SECTION I - TITLE AND PURPOSE
The title of this ordinance is the Town of Phelps All-Terrain Vehicle Route Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish an all-terrain vehicle route and regulate the operation of all-terrain vehicles in the town. Also, the purpose of this ordinance is to have a connectivity all-terrain vehicle route on CTH A to the Forest County line.

SECTION II - AUTHORITY
The Town Board of the Town of Phelps, Vilas County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority to adopt this All-Terrain Vehicle Route Ordinance under s. 23.33 (8) (b) and (c), Wis. Stats.

SECTION III - ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE
This ordinance adopted on proper notice with a quorum and roll call vote by a majority of the town board present and voting, provides the authority for the town to designate all-terrain vehicle routes in the town and to regulate the use of those routes and all-terrain vehicles in the town.

SECTION IV - OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES
Pursuant to s. 23.33 (4) (d) 4, Wis. Stats., except as otherwise provided in s. 23.33 (4), Wis. Stats., no person may operate an all-terrain vehicle on the roadway portion of any highway in the town except on roadways that are designated as all-terrain vehicle routes by this ordinance. Operation of all-terrain vehicles on a roadway in the town that is an all-terrain vehicle route is authorized only for the extreme right side of the roadway except that left turns may be made from any part of the roadway that is safe given prevailing conditions.

SECTION V - DESIGNATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ROUTES
The following routes are designated all-terrain vehicle routes in the town:
- County Hwy A from Forest County line to east entrance of Eagle Farm Road
- Mail Route Rd from County Hwy A to Livingston Rd
- Livingston Rd from Mail Route Rd to where private roads branch off
- Eagle Farm Road Loop to County Hwy A -west to Strong Road & Engberg Lane
- Sand Lake Lane from Eagle Farm Rd to County Hwy A
- Sand Lake Rd from County Hwy A to Fort Eagle Estate
- Rd St Louis Rd from County Hwy A to State Hwy 17
- Deerskin Rd from border of Nicolet National Forest to State Hwy 17
- Engberg Lane from County Hwy A to 1800 Engberg Lane
- Strong Rd from County Hwy A to Co-op Road
- Blong Road East from Muskrat Creek to County Highway E
- Highway E South from Blong Rd to WI 17
- Coveyville Road
- Long Lake Dam Road
- Hill Road from the Corner of STH 17 & Hill Road to Old School Road
SECTION VI - PROCEDURES FOR ADDING/DELETING TOWN ROADS AS ROUTES

Road and road segments may be added/deleted as all-terrain vehicle routes through the following process:

A. A property owner or resident within the town must petition the town to add/delete a road or road segment. The petitioner must obtain blank petition forms from the town clerk. The petitioner must secure a majority of signatures of all the property owners/residents on the road or segment of road designated as an ATV/UTV route.

B. The town board shall, within 30 days of receipt of the petition, review the petition and make a determination as to whether the road or road segment in question is appropriate for use as permitted under this article.

C. The town board shall hold a public hearing on the petition. This public hearing may be held in conjunction with a regularly scheduled town board meeting. That public hearing shall be considered first consideration of a proposed change to the town's ordinance. The board shall make reasonable efforts to ensure residents on affected roads are given notice of the public hearing.

D. If the town board gives tentative approval to the ordinance change at first consideration, the board shall bring the matter up for second consideration at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board. All proposed changes are subject to Town Board approval.

SECTION VII - CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ROUTES

Pursuant to s. 23.33 (8) (d), Wis. Stats. the following restrictions are placed on the use of the town all-terrain vehicle routes designated by this resolution:

A. Routes shall be marked by the Landover ATV Club with uniform all-terrain vehicle route signs in accordance with s. NR 64.12 (7), Wisconsin Administrative Code. Signage to be inspected by and maintained annually by the Landover ATV Club. No person may do any of the following in regard to signs marking town all-terrain vehicle routes:

   1. Intentionally remove, damage, deface, move, or obstruct any uniform all-terrain vehicle route or trail sign or standard or intentionally interfere with the effective operation of any uniform all-terrain vehicle route or trail sign or standards if the sign or standard is legally placed by the state, any municipality, or any authorized individual.

   2. Possess any uniform all-terrain vehicle route or trail sign or standard of the type established by the department for the warning, instruction, or information of the public, unless he or she obtained the uniform all-terrain vehicle route or trail sign or standard in a lawful manner. Possession of a uniform all-terrain vehicle route or trail sign or standard creates a rebuttable presumption of illegal possession.

B. Operation shall be subject to all provisions of s. 23.33, Wis. stats., which is adopted as a part of this ordinance by reference, pursuant to s. 23.33 (11), Wis. stats.

C. A copy of this ordinance shall be sent by the town clerk to the Vilas County Sheriff's Department.

D. All ATV operators shall observe ATV posted roadway speed limits; and hours of operation are from 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.
E. All ATV operators shall ride single file.

F. All ATV operators shall slow the vehicle to 10 mph or less when operating within 150 feet of a dwelling and within 100 feet of a pedestrian.

G. The routes will be open from May 1 to October 31.

H. The Town reserves the right to close a road due to inclement weather conditions.

I. (Grosser Lane to Boat Landing Lane and Millerville Lane up to STH 17 are open all year long.)

SECTION VIII - ENFORCEMENT

This ordinance may be enforced by any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the laws of the state of Wisconsin.

SECTION IX - PENALTIES

The penalties under Wis. Stats. 23.33 (13) (a), are adopted by reference.

SECTION X - EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance is effective for a trial period of two years on publication or posting. If County Board approval for use of County roads and property is not issued; this ordinance is null and void.

The town clerk shall properly publish this ordinance as required under s. 60.80, Wis. stats.

Adopted this 13th day of July, 2015.

TOWN OF PHELPS, VILAS COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

[Signatures]

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Attest:

Clerk

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PETITION TO ADD OR DELETE A ROAD AS AN ATV ROUTE

ROAD NAME

PLEASE CHECK: _______ ADD _______ DELETE

NAME

ADDRESS

RESIDENT/NON RESIDENT


