Chapter 368
VEHICLES, ALL-TERRAIN AND LIGHT UTILITY

[HISTORY: Amended in its entirety by ord. 2-2026 on October 26th, 2026].

GENERAL REFERENCES
Vehicles and traffic — See Ch. 373.

§ 368-1. Purpose.
The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish designated ATV and UTV routes within the municipality and to regulate the operation of such vehicles to protect public health, safety, and collective welfare, while maintaining strict conformity with Wisconsin State Laws.

§ 368-2. Authority.
The Village Board of Lyndon Station, Juneau County, Wisconsin, adopts this Ordinance pursuant to the authority vested under Wis. Stat. § 23.33(8) (route designation) and Wis. Stat. § 23.33(11) (local regulation), and Wis. Admin. Code Ch. NR 64. Any future amendments, modifications, or revisions of the statutes or administrative codes incorporated herein are intended to be made part of this Ordinance automatically in order to maintain uniform statewide regulation.

A. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 346.02(11), the operator of an ATV or UTV on any designated roadway route within the Village shall comply with and be subject to all applicable state traffic laws under Wis. Stat. Chapter 346 (Rules of the Road), including but not limited to right-of-way, signaling, turning, and stop-sign compliance.

§ 368-3. Definitions.
As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated: LIGHT UTILITY VEHICLE (LUV)

A. A motor vehicle not more than 62 inches in width which has an overall wheelbase length of not more than 94 inches, weighs no less than 700 pounds and no more than 1,999 pounds, has a maximum engine size of 800 cc and is equipped with the following:

(1) Four or more low-pressure tires.

(2) A steering wheel.

(3) Seating allowing at least two people to sit side by side.

(4) Manufacturer-installed cargo/dump box on the rear of the machine.

(5) A spark arrestor approved by the United States Forest Service (USFS).

(6) Operating front and rear brake.

(7) Headlights and tail/brake lights.

(8) Noise-suppressing muffler (96 db).

B. Golf carts and low-speed vehicles do not qualify as light utility vehicles. § 368-3. Adoption of statutory provisions. All provisions listed in § 23.33(1) through (13), Wis. Stats., and subsequent amendments thereto are hereby incorporated by reference as part of this chapter, except for those provisions therein which conflict with this chapter.

§ 368-5. Routes designated.

A. Except as provided in § 23.33, Wis. Stats., no person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle or light utility vehicle upon any public right-of-way, in any public park or on any other public property in the Village of Lyndon Station except as hereinafter designated.

B. (Open Network): Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 23.33(8)(b), all roads and streets under the jurisdiction of Lyndon Station are hereby designated as ATV/UTV routes.

C. US 12/16 East of Pine Street and West of West Limits Road are Not allowed to have ATV/UTV Traffic. Only Township Roads and County Highways are used for routes of travel.

§ 368-6. Operation limitations for all-terrain vehicles.

It shall be unlawful to operate an all-terrain vehicle pursuant to § 368-4 of this chapter unless the operator thereof meets all of the following qualifications:

A. The operator shall meet all age requirements as set by Wisconsin Statutes.

B. All-terrain vehicles shall be operated with the headlights and taillights on at all times while operated in the Village.

C. All-terrain vehicles shall not exceed the posted Speed-Limits within the Village limits.

D. All-terrain vehicles shall yield the right-of-way to all other motor vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians in every instance.

E. All-terrain vehicle owners and/or operators shall assume full liability.

1. No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle on any private property not owned or controlled by himself without the express consent or permission of the landowner.

§ 368-7. Operation limitations for light utility vehicles.

A. The operator must possess a valid motor vehicle operator license.

B. The number of passengers carried on a side-by-side light utility vehicle shall be limited by the number of manufacturer seat belts.

C. The driver and passengers of a light utility vehicle must wear seat belts at all times.

D. The driver and passengers of a light utility vehicle shall keep their hands, arms, feet and legs inside the vehicle at all times during operation.

E. The driver of a light utility vehicle shall obey all signs, gates and barriers and posted roadway speed limits.

F. For the purpose of this chapter a light utility vehicle will be considered an all terrain vehicle and all ordinances and laws applicable to all-terrain vehicles apply to light utility vehicles.

G. Property Damage Restitution: Pursuant to state law, any person who intentionally causes damage to a roadway, trail, or adjacent property with an ATV/UTV shall be liable for restitution up to triple the cost of the repair, in addition to standard civil forfeitures.

H. Window Tint: UTV windshields and side windows must comply with Wisconsin Department of Transportation light-transmittance standards (no heavy, non-compliant aftermarket tint).

I. Eye Protection: All operators and passengers must wear protective eye gear (such as goggles or a helmet visor) unless the vehicle is equipped with a wind-shield that rises to at least the level of the operator's forehead.

J. Towing Restrictions: Operators are strictly prohibited from towing any sled, trailer, or other object carrying a person on any designated roadway route or public trail (except for towing a disabled vehicle or towing a person on ice at speeds under 10 mph).

K. Passenger & Seating Restrictions: No person may ride on an ATV or UTV in any manner or on any part of the vehicle not specifically designed or factory-installed for passenger seating (e.g., no riding in cargo beds or on improvised "bump seats").

L. Seatbelt Requirements: All operators and passengers in a UTV must wear a manufacturer-installed seatbelt at all times while the vehicle is in motion.

M. Rear Registration Plate Requirement. Wisconsin state law requires all ATVs/UTVs registered for "Public Use" to display a rear-mounted identification plate. Explicitly adding this to your local ordinance gives municipal police a direct mechanism to pull over and fine riders with obscured, missing, or dirty plates.

N. DNR Registration: No ATV or UTV may be operated on any Village route unless it displays valid Wisconsin DNR registration decals on both sides of the vehicle, forward of the operator.

§ 368-8. Operator Age, Licensing, and Helmet Requirements

To ensure public safety, all operators must strictly adhere to the state certification standards adopted under this ordinance:

A. Operator Requirements by Age:

1. Under Age 12: No person under the age of 12 may operate an ATV or UTV on any designated roadway route under any circumstances.

2. Age 12 to 15 (ATV): Operators must possess a valid Wisconsin ATV Safety Certified Card and must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or an adult designated by the parent/guardian.

3. Age 16 and Older (ATV/UTV): Operators born on or after January 1, 1988, must possess a valid Wisconsin ATV Safety Certified Card. Operators must also carry a valid driver’s license if operating on a roadway route.

4. Helmet Requirements: Any operator or passenger under the age of 18 must wear a protective helmet meeting the standards of Wis. Stat. § 23.33(3g) while riding on a designated route, unless an exemption under state law applies (such as active agricultural use).

§ 368-8. Accidents and accident reports.

If he can so do without serious danger to himself or persons on board, the operator of an all-terrain vehicle or light utility vehicle involved in an accident within the Village of Lyndon Station shall stop and render

aid to other all-terrain vehicle or light utility vehicle operators or persons affected thereby as may be practicable and necessary to save them from or minimize any danger caused by the accident and shall give his name and address and the identification of his all-terrain vehicle or light utility vehicle to any person injured and to the owner of any property damaged in any accident in the amount of 150$ or more.

§ 368-9. Violations and penalties.
Any person who shall violate any provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a forfeiture of not less than $50 nor more than $500 together with the costs of said proceedings and upon failure to pay said forfeiture and costs shall be confined to the county jail of Juneau County for a period not to exceed 10 days or until such forfeiture and costs are paid.

§ 368-10. Severability and Liability. Severability.
The provisions of this Ordinance are sever-able. If any section, clause, or provision is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. Liability: The Village of Lyndon Station adopts these routes solely to facilitate recreational travel. The municipality under no circumstances assumes liability for accidents, injuries, or property damage resulting from the operation of ATVs or UTVs on designated routes.

A. Insurance Requirement: No person shall operate an ATV or UTV on any designated route within the Village unless the owner or operator of the vehicle has in effect a valid liability insurance policy covering the vehicle.

B. Proof of Insurance: The operator must carry proof of insurance at all times while operating on a designated route and must display it upon demand to any law enforcement officer.