

**TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON
MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 21025

**AN ORDINANCE OF JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
DESIGNATING CERTAIN TOWNSHIP ROADS UPON WHICH ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES MAY
TRAVEL.**

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Jefferson Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session assembled, and **IT IS HEREBY ENACTED** by authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Definitions:

A. "All-Terrain Vehicles" or "ATV":

A motorized off-highway vehicle which travels on three or more tires and which has:

- (1) a maximum width of 50 inches and a maximum dry weight of 1,200 pounds; or
- (2) a width which exceeds 50 inches or a dry weight which exceeds 1,200 pounds.

An ATV may be referred to as a Class I ATV, and an ATV described in paragraph (2) may be referred to as a Class II ATV. This term does not include snowmobiles, trail bikes, motorboats, golf carts, aircraft, dune buggies, automobiles, construction machines, trucks or home utility machines; military, fire, emergency and law enforcement vehicles; implements of husbandry; multipurpose agricultural vehicles; vehicles used by the department; or any vehicle that is or is required to be registered under Chapter 13 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (relating to registration of vehicles). In addition, this term does not include off-road motor vehicles used exclusively as utility vehicles for agricultural or business operations and incidentally operated or moved upon the highway.

B. Department:

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

C. Headlamp:

A major lighting device used to provide illumination ahead of the vehicle.

D. Highway:

The entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular traffic.

E. Street:

A highway, other than an alley, within the corporate limits of a political subdivision.

F. Tail lamp:

A device to designate the rear of the vehicle by a warning light.

SECTION 2. The following highways within the Township of Jefferson, Mercer County, Pennsylvania are designated as a special All-Terrain Vehicle Roads. All roads below will share the road with vehicular traffic:

Ball Park Road	Lake Road Ext.
Bend Road	Line Road
Charleston Road	McCullough Road
Clay Furnace Road	North Bend Road
Creek Road	North Hassel Road
Daley Road	Pew Road
Fredonia Road	Seidle Road
Fullingmill Road	Skyline Road
Grapevine Road	Steister Road
Golf Road	West River Road
Hassel Road	Zahniser Road
Highland Road	

SECTION 3. All All-Terrain Vehicles must be registered with the Department and insured. The operator of any all-Terrain Vehicle must be 16 years or older and carry a registration certificate. The ATV must display a registration plate and expiration sticker, as required by Pennsylvania law. The registration plate must be affixed to the back of the ATV.

SECTION 4. Designation of certain highways as ATV roads of the Township of Jefferson does not impose liability on the Township of Jefferson for any property damage or personal injury that may result from the use of the ATVs on said roads.

SECTION 5. The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Jefferson Township Police Department.

Adoption of this ordinance shall not prohibit any law enforcement officer or DNR warden from proceeding under any other ordinance, regulation, statute, law or order that pertains to the subject matter addressed under this section.

This ordinance is not intended to limit any provisions or scope of authority of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code or any other Act.

SECTION 6. No ATV may be operated on any permitted township roads, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. of each and every day.

SECTION 7. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable and, if any of the provisions hereof shall be held unconstitutional, void or otherwise unenforceable, such shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. This Ordinance shall become effective as of the date of enactment.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Jefferson, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session assembled, this 10th day of February, 2025.

Attest:

Rachael A. Nickel
Secretary

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