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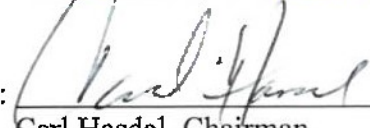
**AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN OF ROME CODE  
CHAPTER 308; ALL-TERRAIN AND UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES**

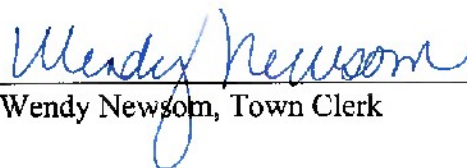
**SECTION 308-7-8**

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The Town Board of the Town of Rome, Adams County, Wisconsin, hereby amends the Town of Rome Code of Ordinances as set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The amendment shall be published or posted pursuant to section 60.80 Wis. Stats. and shall take effect the day after such posting or publication.

Adopted this 5 day of March, 2026

Approved:   
Carl Hasdal, Chairman

Attested:   
Wendy Newsom, Town Clerk

## ARTICLE II

**All-Terrain and Utility Terrain Vehicles**

[Adopted as Sec. 8.04 of the prior Code; amended in its entirety 6-22-2018 by Ord. No. 18-05]

**§ 308-6. State all-terrain and utility terrain vehicle laws adopted.**

The provisions describing and defining regulations with respect to all-terrain and utility terrain vehicles in §§ 23.33 and 346.02(1), Wis. Stats., and any future amendments or revisions, are hereby adopted by reference and made part of this article as if fully set forth herein.

**§ 308-7. Designation of all-terrain and utility terrain vehicle routes. [Amended 5-8-2020 by Ord. No. 20-08]**

- A. Purpose. To establish all-terrain and utility terrain vehicle routes and provide safe enjoyable all-terrain and utility terrain vehicle recreation consistent with public rights and interest. Where applicable, the provisions of this section apply equally to ATVs and UTVs. The provisions of this section shall apply to the areas designated herein, including roadways within the jurisdiction of the Town of Rome.
- B. Authority. This article is adopted pursuant to the authority given to Towns under §§ 23.33(4)(d), 23.33(8)(b) and 23.33(11), Wis. Stats.
- C. Operation. Pursuant to § 23.33(4)(d)4, Wis. Stats., except as otherwise provided in § 23.33(4), Wis. stats., no person may operate an all-terrain or utility terrain vehicle on the roadway portion of any highway in the Town except on roadways that are designated as all-terrain or utility terrain vehicle routes by this article.
- D. All roads under the jurisdiction of the Town of Rome are designated all-terrain or utility terrain vehicle routes unless otherwise indicated below. Designated roads under this subsection shall exclude all county, state, and federal highways and all private roads.
  - (1) The following Town roads are not designated as an all-terrain and utility terrain vehicle route:

(Reserved)

- E. Operation of ATVs and UTVs may be suspended on any road where construction or emergency conditions exist. [Amended 5-18-2023 by Ord. No. 23-07]
- F. The Town of Rome reserves the right to close or modify routes at any time.
- G. Signage required. Pursuant to § 23.33(8)(e), Wis. Stats., a sign shall be erected on each highway that crosses the Town's territorial boundary alerting motorists that all highways under the jurisdiction of the Town have been designated as all-terrain and utility terrain vehicle routes unless otherwise indicated. Any highway under the jurisdiction of the Town which is not designated as an all-terrain and utility terrain vehicle route shall have signs erected at such locations as appropriate to indicate the highway is not designated as an all-terrain and utility terrain vehicle route.

**§ 308-8. Definitions.**

For the purpose of this article, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. If not defined herein, the word, term or phrase shall have the definition commonly accepted including a relevant definition contained in the Wisconsin Statutes. When not inconsistent with the context, the words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural number include the singular number and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory:

**PARK** — All grounds, structures and watercourses which are or may be located within any area dedicated to the public use as a park, parkway, public boat landing, public lake access, recreation facility or conservancy district in the Town.

**PERSON** — Includes a corporation, firm partnership, association, organization and any other group acting as a unit as well as individuals, including a personal representative, receiver or other representative appointed according to law. Whenever the term "person" is used in any section of this article prescribing a penalty or fine, as to partnerships or associations, the work shall include the partners or members thereof, and as to corporations, shall include the officers, agents or members thereof who are responsible for any violation of such section.

**SIGN** — Any medium, including its structure, words, letters, figures, numerals, phrases, sentences, emblems, devices, designs, trade names or trademarks by which anything is made known and which are used to advertise or promote an individual, firm, association, corporation, profession, business, commodity or product and which is visible from any public street or highway.

**STREET** — Any public highway or alley and shall mean the entire width between the boundary lines of any public way where any part thereof is open to the public for purposes of vehicular traffic.

**TOWN** — The Town of Rome, Adams County, Wisconsin, or any duly appointed designate thereof, including, but not limited to, the Town Board and Town committees.

**TOWN BOARD or BOARD** — The present governing body of the Town or any successors to the legislative power of said body, or any duly appointed designate thereof.

**VEHICLE** — A motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer or mobile home, whether or not such vehicle is registered under Wisconsin Law.