

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2026**  
TOWNSHIP OF CRANBERRY  
COUNTY OF VENANGO  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBERRY, VENANGO COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA (TOWNSHIP) TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN ROADWAYS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP AS ATV AND UTV ROADS, TO ENACT CERTAIN CONDITIONS ON THE USE OF ATVS AND UTVS ON DESIGNATED ROADS, TO ENACT CERTAIN FEES FOR THE USE OF ROADS DESIGNATED AS ATV AND UTV ROADS, TO IMPOSE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND TO ENACT CERTAIN OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF ATVS AND UTVS.**

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code authorizes municipalities to designate certain highways, roads and streets as ATV and Snowmobile roads pursuant to 75 Pa. C.S.A Section 7722 (75 Pa.C.S.A. § 7722); and

WHEREAS, the Supervisors of the Township has determined that it is in the best interests of residents of the Township and will promote the public health, safety and welfare to enact an Ordinance governing the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility task vehicles (UTVs), also known as side by side; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisors have determined to adopt this Ordinance regarding ATV and UTV roads.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted as follows:

**Section 1 – Definitions**

For purposes of this Ordinance the following definitions shall apply:

- a. An all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or utility task vehicle (UTV), also known as a side by side, shall mean a motorized off-highway vehicle which travels on three (3) or more tires, and which has a maximum width of sixty-four (64) inches and a maximum dry weight of four thousand (4,000) pounds,

- b. Where used in this Ordinance, the term UTV shall also mean a side by side vehicle.
- c. The term ATV and UTV shall not include snowmobiles, trail bikes, motorboats, golf carts, aircraft, dune buggies, automobiles, construction machines, truck or home utility machines, military, fire, emergency and law enforcement vehicles, implements of husbandry, multipurpose agricultural vehicles, vehicles used by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation or any vehicle that is not required to be registered under the Motor Vehicle Code. This term also does not include off-road motor vehicles used exclusively as utility vehicles for agricultural or business operations and only incidentally operated or moved upon the highway.
- d. Snowmobile means an engine driven vehicle which is all the following: designed to travel over snow and ice, has an endless belt track or tracks, is steered by the ski or skis and has an overall width of forty-eight (48) inches or less. The term does not include a farm tractor, construction equipment, military vehicle, vehicle with inflatable tires or machinery used strictly for the grooming of snowmobile trails.

## **Section 2 – Designation of ATV and UTV Roads**

Those Township roads identified on attached Exhibit A, to the extent located within the Township, are hereby designated as ATV and UTV roads to be shared with vehicular traffic.

## **Section 3 – Operation of ATVs and UTVs Upon Designated Roads**

Subject to the restrictions provide in this Ordinance, ATVs and UTVs may be operated upon all the designated Township roads shown in Exhibit A. No ATV or UTV shall enter upon private property without the consent of the owner.

## **Section 4 – Signage**

Adequate notice of the designation as an ATV or UTV road shall be posted sufficiently and prominently on each road shown on Exhibit A to give notice of the designation.

## **Section 5 – Permit**

No person shall operate an ATV or UTV on a designated road unless the ATV or UTV displays a current and valid Township sticker. A fee of \$50 per year for the privilege of using the designated road for operation of an ATV or UTV shall be paid to obtain a Township sticker. The \$50 user fee shall be paid to the Venango County Treasurer as the designated collection agency on behalf of the Township. The aforesaid fee is intended solely to defray some of the cost of signage and administration of the ATV and UTV program and shall not be deemed to be a tax.

## **Section 6 – Use Restrictions**

- a. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate an ATV or UTV on any highway, street or road in the Township that is not designated as an ATV or UTV road. This section shall not prohibit any person from operating an ATV or UTV on highways, street or roads in the Township as authorized by the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code for emergency and bridge crossing and for direct crossing of streets and highways; or for special ATV or UTV events authorized in advance.
- b. All ATVs and UTVs shall be operated on the right side of the road and shall yield to vehicular traffic.
- c. No ATV or UTV shall be driven at a speed in excess of thirty-five (35) miles per hour.
- d. All operators of ATVs and UTVs shall obey all the provisions of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code and any regulations thereunder.
- e. No person under sixteen (16) years of age may operate an ATV or UTV on a designated road, unless the individual holds a safety certificate to operate an ATV or UTV and is under the direct supervision of a person eighteen (18) years of age or older, who shall be deemed the legal guardian of the person under sixteen (16) years of age for the purposes of enforcement of this Ordinance.
- f. All ATV and UTV shall be equipped with a muffler in good working order and the sound produced shall not exceed the noise limitation provided in the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code.

- g. No ATV or UTV shall be operated on the designated roads unless the operator has in effect a policy of automobile liability insurance that complies with the minimum liability limits set forth in the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code. Proof of insurance shall be provided to the Township annually with the application for a registration sticker. No insurance policy shall be cancelled unless prior notice of at least ten (10) days is provided to the Township.
- h. No ATV or UTV shall be operated on the designated roads during the hours of 9:00 PM to 8:00 AM.

#### **Section 7 – Snowmobile Excluded**

No person shall operate a snowmobile on street, road or highway designated as an ATV or UTV road in the Township. By the adoption of this Ordinance, the Township specifically excludes the use of snowmobiles on any Township street, road or highway.

#### **Section 8 – Violations**

Any violation of this Ordinance shall be a summary offense punishable upon conviction by fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$200.00 plus the cost of prosecution, and in default of payment, imprisonment of not more than ten (10) days.

#### **Section 9 – Severability**

If any provision of the Ordinance shall be found to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. This Ordinance is specifically declared to be severable.

#### **Section 10 – Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall be effect at the earlies date provide by law.

#### **Section 11 – Repealer**

All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Enacted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

ATTEST

CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
Township Secretary

By \_\_\_\_\_

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