

OCTOBER 26, 2010
State of Michigan
County of Mason
Township of Sheridan
ORV Ordinance

An ordinance authorizing and regulating the operation of Off Road Vehicles (ORVs) on county primary and county local roads in Sheridan Township, Mason County, providing penalties for the violation thereof, and for the distribution of fines and costs resulting from those penalties pursuant to 2008 PA 240, MCL 324.81131.

THE TOWNSHIP OF SHERIDAN ORDAINS:

1. Definitions

- a. "Township" means the Township of Sheridan, Mason County
- b. "County" means Mason County
- c. "Driver License" means an operator's or chauffeur's license or permit issued to an individual by the Secretary of State under Chapter III of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.301 to 257.329, for that individual to operate a vehicle, whether or not conditions are attached to the license or permit.
- d. "Maintained portion" means that a portion of a road improved, designated or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic, including the gravel shoulder or paved shoulder of the road.
- e. "Operate" means to ride in or on, and be in actual physical control of the operation of an ORV.
- f. "Operator" means a person who operates or is in actual physical control of the operation of an ORV.
- g. "ORV" means a motor driven off road recreation vehicle capable of cross-country travel without benefit of a road or trail, on or immediately over land, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain. ORV or vehicle includes, but is not limited to, a multitrack or multiwheel drive vehicle, an ATV, a motorcycle or related 2-wheel, 3-wheel, or 4-wheel vehicle, an amphibious machine, a ground effect air cushion vehicle, or other means of transportation deriving motive power from a source other than muscle or wind. ORV or vehicle does not include a registered snowmobile, a farm vehicle being used for farming, a vehicle used for military, fire, emergency, or law enforcement purposes, a vehicle owned and operated by a utility company or an oil or gas company when performing maintenance on its facilities or on property over which it has an easement, a construction or logging vehicle used in performance of its common function, or a registered aircraft.

