

**TOWN OF BELVIDERE
ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE ORDINANCE**

1. The Selectboard of the Town of Belvidere in the County of Lamoille and State of Vermont, in accordance with Title 24, V.S.A. 1971-1983 hereby adopt this ordinance regulating the use of All Terrain Vehicles in the Town of Belvidere and described as follows:
2. As used in this ordinance "All Terrain Vehicle or ATV" means any non-highway recreational vehicle, except snowmobiles, when used for cross country travel on trails or on any one of the following or combination thereof; land, water snow, ice, marsh, swampland, and natural terrain.
3. The use of ATV's is authorized on all town roads located in the Town of Belvidere. All roads are closed to ATV travel between December 15 and April 1.
4. An ATV may be operated only in accordance with V.S.A. 23 § 3501-3517 and will be enforced by the ATV Club.
5. ATV signs have to be posted to notify motorists that ATV's are on the road. These are NOT Trail signs.
6. Travel by ATV's will be single file, to the right, with headlights on at a rate of speed not to exceed 25 MPH.
7. An ATV may not be operated unless registered pursuant to this Chapter 31 or any other section of this Title 23 § 3502-3504, as stated in the All-Terrain Vehicles Operator's Manual, by the State of Vermont and the Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 23, 1999 Cumulative Supplement for use in 1999-2000 except when operated:
 1. On the property of the owner of the ATV
 2. Off the highway, in a ski area while being used for the purpose of grooming snow, maintenance or is rescue operations
 3. Solely on privately owned land when the operator is specifically invited to do so and has on his person the written consent of the owner.
8. The registration of an ATV does not constitute a license to cross or operate an ATV on private lands that do not have trails.
9. Unless you have a signed copy of this ordinance on your person, you do not have permission to ride on Belvidere town roads. This ordinance is available at the Town Office or from any Selectboard member. All copies will be signed by the operator and a Selectboard member or the Belvidere Town Clerk.
10. If any portion of the Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

A violation of this Ordinance shall be a civil matter enforced in accordance with the provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 2974 (a) and 1977 et seq. A civil penalty of not more than \$500 may be imposed for a violation of this civil ordinance, and the waiver fee shall be set a \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second offense within a six-month period, and \$300 for all subsequent offenses within a six-month period. Each day that the violation continues will constitute a separate violation of this ordinance.

In accordance with 24 V.S.A. 1971-1976 and 24 V.S.A. § 2291 this ordinance is adopted by the Belvidere Selectboard on June 13, 2000, to become effective sixty days from the adoption thereof.

Citizens have the right to petition for a vote on the ordinance within 45 days in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 1973.

Robert H. Granger
Steve Locke
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Name & Address:

Signature of Permit Holder