

**OFF-ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF ALGER PURSUANT TO 1975 PA 319, SECTION 18, AS AMENDED BY 1986 PA 112, FOR THE REGULATION OF PLACE OF OPERATION OF OFF-ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.

THE COUNTY OF ALGER HEREBY ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1.** As used in this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. "Highway" means the entire width between the boundary lines of a way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel, including the shoulder and right-of-way.
- b. "Operate" means to ride in or on, and be in actual control of the operation of an ORV.
- c. "ORV" or "vehicle" means a motor driven off-road recreational 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. It includes, but is not limited to a multi-track or multi-wheel drive or low pressure tire vehicle, an amphibious machine, a ground effect air cushioned vehicle, or other means of transportation deriving motor 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 construction or logging vehicle used in performance of its common function, or a registered aircraft.
- d. "Roadway" means that portion of a highway improved, designated, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, and does not include within its meaning the shoulder or right-of-way.
- e. "Shoulder" means that portion of the highway contiguous to the roadway generally extending the contour of the roadway, not designed for vehicular travel, but maintained for the temporary accommodation of disabled or stopped vehicles otherwise permitted on the roadway.
- f. "Ditch slope" is that portion of the highway adjacent to the

shoulder if one exists or adjacent to the roadway on roads without shoulders, extending to the bottom of the roadside ditch and is not constructed or maintained for the use of any vehicles except those engaged in construction or maintenance.

- g. "Right-of-way" means the portion of the highway immediately to the right and adjacent to the shoulder.

**SECTION 2.** An ORV may be operated on the shoulder or on the right-of-way, but not on the roadway of the following public highways within the County of Alger, herein designated as ORV area access routes: County Highway H-01/Rock River Road, Sundell Road, Deerton-Onota Road, AuTrain-Onota Road, Deerton-Sand Lake Road, Peter White Road, Onota Hill Road, Ridge Road, Traunik-Kiva Road, Coaster Road, Matekel Road, Trout Lake Road, County Road H-05/Rapid River Truck Trail Road, County Road H-44, Indiantown Road, Connors Road, a portion of County Road H-58 between the Munising City Limits and the intersection of the Beaver Meadow Road, Beaver Meadow Road, and Adams Trail.

**SECTION 3.** Operation of an ORV on the of highways not designated in Section 2 is only permitted under the following conditions:

- a. In a life-threatening emergency.
- b. For the purpose of getting from one area to another, an operator may cross such highways at right angles. The operator shall bring the ORV to a complete stop prior to crossing the highway, and shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicle traffic.

**SECTION 4.** ORVs being operated on a road shoulder or right-of-way pursuant to Section 2 shall at all times be operated in single file with the flow of traffic at the right side of the right-of-way or right shoulder or the right side of the unimproved road surface when no shoulder or passable clear right-of-way exists. The operator of an ORV shall only be permitted to utilize the access routes designated in Section 2 for the purpose of traveling to or from areas wherein ORV use is lawfully permitted.

**SECTION 5.** ORVs may not be operated:

- a. On the ditch slopes of county roads.
- b. Within county owned parks, natural areas, airports, or cemetery properties within Alger County.
- c. Areas closed to snowmobiling.
- d. In any other area closed by a governmental authority.

- e. On any other county highway not specifically designated with this ordinance.
- f. On U.S. Highway, State Highways, or highways within incorporation cities or villages.
- g. At a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour on any county road, shoulder, or any right-of-way, pursuant to Section 2 or 4 of this ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** Any person who violates this Ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both.

**SECTION 7.** The Alger County Board of Commissioners may rescind ORV operation on any county road or portion thereof.

The County Clerk for the County of Alger shall publish this Ordinance in the manner required by law and shall at the same time publish the fact that complete copies of the Ordinance as hereby approved are available at the Office of the Clerk for inspection by and distribution to the Public at all times.

Any Ordinance or part of Ordinances in conflict herewith are subordinate hereto and this Ordinance shall be deemed controlling.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon the publication of this notice of adoption, as it affects the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the County of Alger.

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Dated: March 13, 1995

Frank Mead  
FRANK MEAD, Chairman

Dated: March 13, 1995

Donald W. Kinnunen  
DONALD W. KINNUNEN, Clerk

Moved by: Donald Sandstrom, Sr.

Supported by: Milton Bowerman

Vote: Ayes - Frank Mead, Peter Benson, Milton Bowerman, Edward Linstrom, and Donald Sandstrom, Sr. Nays - None. Absent - None.

CERTIFICATION

DONALD W. KINNUNEN, County Clerk of the County of Alger, does hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Alger on March 13, 1995, and that same was published in the Munising News on March 22, 1995.

Dated: March 16, 1995

Donald W. Kinnunen  
Alger County Clerk

AMENDMENT TO ALGER COUNTY ORDINANCE #14  
OFF ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ORDINANCE

The County of Alger has amended Ordinance #14 concerning off road recreational vehicles. Said original Ordinance was adopted by the Alger County Board of Commissioners on March 13, 1995 and was amended on July 10, 1995.

The Alger County Board of Commissioners amended section 2 of Ordinance #14 concerning off road recreational vehicles to read as follows:

**SECTION 2.** An ORV may be operated on the shoulder or on the right of way but not on the roadway on the following public highways within the County of Alger herein designated as ORV access routes: County Highway H-01/Rock River Road, Sundell Road, Deerton-Onota Road, AuTrain-Onota Road, Deerton-Sand Lake Road, Peter White Road, Onota Hill Road, Ridge Road, Traunik-Kiva Road, Coaster Road, Matekel Road, Trout Lake Road, County Road H-05/Rapid River Truck Trail Road, County Road H-44, Indiantown Road, Connors Road, a portion of County Road H-58 between Munising City Limits and the intersection of the Beaver Meadow Road, Beaver Meadow Road, Adams Trail, Kolpack Road, Jokipii Road, Rumely Road, Percy Road, Hallstrom Road, Highway 13, Star Siding Road, Brill's Road, Trudell Road, Stone Road, Paulson Road, Cook's Lake Road, Sandhill Road, Winters Road, Greg Road, Savola Road, Thompson Road, June Road, Vogel Road, and AuTrain Camp Road.

This amendment to Alger County Ordinance #14 shall be effective immediately upon the publication of this notice of adoption as it effects the health, safety, and welfare of the residence of the county of Alger.

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Dated: July 10, 1995

Frank W Mead  
Frank Mead, Chairman

Dated: July 10, 1995

Donald W. Kinnunen  
Donald W. Kinnunen, Clerk

Moved by: Donald Sandstrom, Sr.

Supported by: Milton Bowerman

Vote: Ayes - Frank Mead, Milton Bowerman, and Donald Sandstrom, Sr. Nays - Peter Benson, and Edward Lindstrom. Absent - None.

CERTIFICATION

DONALD W. KINNUNEN, County Clerk of the County of Alger, does hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment to Alger County Ordinance #14 as adopted at a regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Alger on

July 10, 1995, and that same was published in the Munising News on July 26, 1995

Dated: July 10, 1995

Donald W. Kinnunen  
Alger County Clerk

**2nd Amendment to ALGER COUNTY ORDINANCE #14**  
**OFF ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ORDINANCE**

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The County of Alger has amended Ordinance #14 concerning off road recreational vehicles. Said original Ordinance was adopted by the Alger County Board of Commissioners on March 13, 1995, amended on July 10, 1995, and amended for the second time on August 12, 1996.

The Alger County Board of Commissioners amended SECTION 2 of Ordinance #14 concerning off road recreational vehicles to read as follows:

**SECTION 2:** An ORV may be operated on the shoulder or on the right-of-way, but not on the roadway of the following public highways within the County of Alger, herein designated as ORV area access routes: County Highway H-01/Rock River Road, Sundell Road, Deerton-Onota Road, AuTrain-Onota Road, Deerton-Sand Lake Road, Peter White Road, Onota Hill Road, Ridge Road, Traunik-Kiva Road, Coaster Road, Matekel Road, Trout Lake Road, County Road H-05/Rapid River Truck Trail Road, County Road H-44, Indiantown Road, Connors Road, a portion of County Road H-58 between the Munising City Limits and the intersection of the Beaver Meadow Road, H-58 from Beaver Meadow Road to Grand Marais, Beaver Meadow Road, and Adams Trail, Kolpack Road, Jokipii Road, Rumely Road, Percy Road, Hallstrom Road, Highway 13, Star Siding Road, Brill's Road, Trudell Road, Stone Road, Paulson Road, Cook's Lake Road, Sandhill Road, Winters Road, Greg Road, Savola Road, Thompson Road, June Road, Vogel Road, 16 Mile Lake Road, Doe Lake Road, Cross Over Road, Peninsula Point Road, Maple Grove Road, Haward Road, Wild Wood Road, East Stella Lake Road, County Road 440 (Alger County portion only), Storm Road, and 5 Mile Point Road (AKA Reindeer Run Road).

All other provisions of the Alger County Off Road Recreational Vehicle Ordinance (Ordinance #14) shall remain in full force and effect.

This 2nd Amendment to Alger County Ordinance #14 shall be effective immediately upon the publication of this notice of adoption as it affects the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the County of Alger.

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Dated: August 12, 1996

  
FRANK MEAD, Chairman

Dated: August 12, 1996

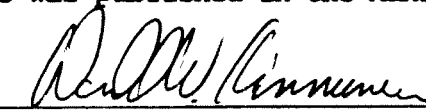
  
DONALD W. KINNUNEN, Clerk

Moved by:  
Supported by:  
Vote:

CERTIFICATION

DONALD W. KINNUNEN, County Clerk of the County of Alger, does hereby certify that the foregoing 2nd Amendment to Ordinance #14 was adopted at a regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Alger on August 12, 1996, and that same was published in the Munising News on August 21, 1996.

Dated: August 12, 1996

  
DONALD W. KINNUNEN, Alger County Clerk

**3rd Amendment to ALGER COUNTY ORDINANCE #14**  
**OFF ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ORDINANCE**

The County of Alger has amended Ordinance #14 concerning off road recreational vehicles. Said original Ordinance was adopted by the Alger County Board of Commissioners on March 13, 1995, amended on July 10, 1995, amended for the second time on August 12, 1996, and amended on the third time on July 14, 1997.

The Alger County Board of Commissioners amended **SECTION 2** of Ordinance #14 concerning off road recreational vehicles to read as follows:

**SECTION 2:** An ORV may be operated on the shoulder or on the right-of-way, but not on the roadway of the following public highways within the county of Alger, herein designated as ORV area access routes: County Highway H-01/Rock River Road, Sundell Road, Deerton-Onota Road, AuTrain-Onota Road, Deerton-Sand Lake Road, Peter White Road, Onota Hill Road, Ridge Road, Traunik-Kiva Road, Coaster Road, Matekel Road, Trout Lake Road, County Road H-05/Rapid River Truck Trail Road, County Road H-44, Indiantown Road, Connors Road, a portion of County Road H-58 between the Munising City Limits and the intersection of the Beaver Meadow Road, H-58 from Beaver Meadow Road to Grand Marais, Beaver Meadow Road, and Adams Trail, Kolpack Road, Jokipii Road, Rumely Road, Percy Road, Hallstrom Road, Highway 13, Star Siding Road, Brill's Road, Trudell Road, Stone Road, Paulson Road, Cook's Lake Road, Sandhill Road, Winters Road, Greg Road, Savola Road, Thompson Road, June Road, Vogel Road, 16 Mile Lake Road, Doe Lake Road, Cross Over Road, Peninsula Point Road, Maple Grove Road, Haward Road, Wild Wood Road, East Stella Lake Road, County Road 440 (Alger County portion only), Strom Road, 5 Mile Point Road (AKA Reindeer Run Road), Timmomen Road, Carmody Road, Buckhorn Road, Johnson Road and Mixon Road.

All other provisions of the Alger County Off Road Recreational Vehicle Ordinance (Ordinance #14) shall remain in full force and effect.


This **3rd Amendment** to Alger County Ordinance #14 shall be effective immediately upon the publication of this notice of adoption as it affects the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the County of Alger.

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Dated: July 14, 1997

  
FRANK MEAD, Chairman

Dated: July 14, 1997


  
DONALD W. KINNUNEN, Clerk

Moved by:  
Supported by:  
Vote:

**CERTIFICATION**

DONALD W. KINNUNEN, County Clerk of the County of Alger, does hereby certify that the foregoing **3rd Amendment** to Ordinance #14 was adopted at a regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Alger on July 14, 1997, and that same was published in the Munising News on July 23, 1997.

Dated: July 14, 1997

  
DONALD W. KINNUNEN, Alger County Clerk

**Fourth Amendment  
to  
ALGER COUNTY ORDINANCE #14  
OFF ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ORDINANCE**

The County of Alger has amended Ordinance #14 concerning off road recreational vehicles. Said original Ordinance was adopted by the Alger County Board of Commissioners on March 13, 1995, amended on July 10, 1995, amended for the second time on August 12, 1996, amended for the third time on July 14, 1997, and amended for the fourth time on August 10, 1998.

The Alger County Board of Commissioners amended SECTION 2 of Ordinance #14 concerning off road recreational vehicles to read as follows:

**SECTION 2:** An ORV may be operated on the shoulder or on the right-of-way, but not on the roadway of the following public highways within the County of Alger, herein designated as ORV area access routes: County Highway H-01/Rock River Road, Sundell Road, Deerton-Onota Road, AuTrain-Onota Road, Deerton-Sand Lake Road, Peter White Road, Onota Hill Road, Ridge Road, Traunik-Kiva Road, Coaster Road, Matekel Road, Trout Lake Road, County Road H-05/Rapid River Truck Trail Road, County Road H-44, Indiantown Road, Connors Road, a portion of County Road H-58 between the Munising City Limits and the intersection of the Beaver Meadow Road, H-58 from Beaver Meadow Road to Grand Marais, Beaver Meadow Road, and Adams Trail, Kolpack Road, Jokipii Road, Rumely Road, Percy Road, Hallstrom Road, Highway 13, Star Siding Road, Brill's Road, Trudell Road, Stone Road, Paulson Road, Cook's Lake Road, Sandhill Road, Winters Road, Greg Road, Savola Road, Thompson Road, June Road, Vogel Road, 16 Mile Lake Road, Doe Lake Road, Cross Over Road, Peninsula Point Road, Maple Grove Road, Haward Road, Wild Wood Road, East Stella Lake Road, County Road 440 (Alger County portion only), Strom Road, 5 Mile Point Road (AKA Reindeer Run Road), Timonen Road, Carmody Road, Buckhorn Road, Johnson Road, Mixon Road and the Cemetery Road located in Burt township.

All other provisions of the Alger County Off Road Recreational Vehicle Ordinance (Ordinance #14) shall remain in full force and effect.

This 4th Amendment to Alger County Ordinance #14 shall be effective immediately upon the publication of this notice of adoption as it affects the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the County of Alger.

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Dated: August 10, 1998

  
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Frank Mead, Chairman

Dated: August 10, 1998

  
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Donald W. Kinnunen, Clerk

Moved by:  
Supported by:  
Vote:

**CERTIFICATION**

DONALD W. KINNUNEN, County Clerk of the County of Alger, does hereby certify that the foregoing 4th Amendment to Ordinance #14 was adopted at a regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Alger on August 10, 1998, and that same was published in the Mining Journal on September 9, 1998.

DATED: September 3, 1998

  
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Donald W. Kinnunen, Alger County Clerk

**Fifth Amendment**  
**to**  
**ALGER COUNTY ORDINANCE #14**  
**OFF ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ORDINANCE**

The County of Alger has amended Ordinance #14 concerning off road recreational vehicles. Said original Ordinance was adopted by the Alger County Board of Commissioners on March 13, 1995, amended on July 10, 1995, amended for the second time on August 12, 1996, amended for the third time on July 14, 1997, amended for the fourth time on August 10, 1998, and amended for the fifth time on June 12, 2000

The Alger County Board of Commissioners amended **SECTION 2** of Ordinance #14 concerning off road recreational vehicles to read as follows:

**SECTION 2:** An ORV may be operated on the shoulder or on the right-of-way, but not on the roadway of the following public highways within the County of Alger, herein designated as ORV area access routes: County Highway H-01/Rock River Road, Sundell Road, Deerton-Onota Road, AuTrain-Onota Road, Deerton-Sand Lake Road, Peter White Road, Onota Hill Road, Ridge Road, Traunik-Kiva Road, Coaster Road, Matekel Road, Trout Lake Road, County Road H-05/Rapid River Truck Trail Road, County Road H-44, Indiantown Road, Connors Road, a portion of County Road H-58 between the Munising City Limits and the intersection of the Beaver Meadow Road, H-58 from Beaver Meadow Road to Grand Marais, Beaver Meadow Road, and Adams Trail, Kolpack Road, Jokipii Road, Rumely Road, Percy Road, Hallstrom Road, Highway 13, Star Siding Road, Brill's Road, Trudell Road, Stone Road, Paulson Road, Cook's Lake Road, Sandhill Road, Winters Road, Greg Road, Savola Road, Thompson Road, June Road, Vogel Road, 16 Mile Lake Road, Doe Lake Road, Cross Over Road, Peninsula Point Road, Maple Grove Road, Haward Road, Wild Wood Road, East Stella Lake Road, County Road 440 (Alger County portion only), Strom Road, 5 Mile Point Road (AKA Reindeer Run Road), Timonen Road, Carmody Road, Buckhorn Road, Johnson Road, Mixon Road, Cemetery Road located in Burt Township, and H-58 East of Grand Marais to the Luce County Line.

All other provisions of the Alger County Off Road Recreational Vehicle Ordinance (Ordinance #14) shall remain in full force and effect.

This 5th Amendment to Alger County Ordinance #14 shall be effective immediately upon the publication of this notice of adoption as it affects the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the County of Alger.

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Dated: June 12, 2000

/s/ Pete Benson  
Pete Benson, Chairman

Dated: June 12, 2000

/s/Donald W. Kinnunen  
Donald W. Kinnunen, Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

DONALD W. KINNUNEN, County Clerk of the County of Alger, does hereby certify that the foregoing 5th Amendment to Ordinance #14 was adopted at a regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Alger on June 12, 2000, and that same was published in the *Munising News*, June 28, 2000.

DATED: June 28, 2000

Donald W. Kinnunen  
Donald W. Kinnunen, Alger County Clerk



**Sixth Amendment  
To  
ALGER COUNTY ORDINANCE #14  
OFF ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ORDINANCE**

The County of Alger has amended Ordinance #14 concerning off road recreational vehicles. Said original Ordinance was adopted by the Alger County Board of Commissioners on March 13, 1995, amended on July 10, 1995, amended for the second time on August 12, 1996, amended for the third time on July 14, 1997, amended for the fourth time on August 10, 1998, amended for the fifth time on June 12, 2000, and amended for the sixth time on June 13, 2005.

The Alger County Board of Commissioners amended SECTION 2 of Ordinance #14 concerning off road recreational vehicles to read as follows:


**SECTION 2: An ORV may be operated on the shoulder or on the right-of-way, but not on the roadway of all county roads within Alger County, except when posted closed.**

All other provisions of the Alger County Off Road Recreational Vehicle Ordinance (Ordinance #14) shall remain in full force and effect.

This 6<sup>th</sup> Amendment to Alger County Ordinance #14 shall be effective immediately upon the publication of this notice of adoption as it affects the health, safety, and welfare of the resident of the County of Alger.

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Dated: June 13, 2005

  
Catherine A. Pullen, Chairperson

Dated: June 13, 2005

  
Mary Ann Froberg, Alger County Clerk

CERTIFICATION

MARY ANN FROBERG, County Clerk of the County of Alger, does hereby certify that the foregoing 6<sup>th</sup> Amendment to Ordinance #14 was adopted at a regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Alger on June 13, 2005, and that same was published in the Munising News, July 20, 2005.

Dated: 7/13/05

  
Mary Ann Froberg, Alger County Clerk