

**ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2026**

OIL CREEK TOWNSHIP

COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

**AN ORDINANCE OF OIL CREEK TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN ROADWAYS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP AS ATV, SIDE BY SIDE AND SNOWMOBILE ROADS, TO ENACT CERTAIN CONDITIONS ON THE USE OF ATVS, SIDE BY SIDES AND SNOWMOBILES ON DESIGNATED ROADS, AND SNOWMOBILE ROADS, TO IMPOSE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, TO ENACT CERTAIN OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF ATVS, SIDE BY SIDES AND SNOWMOBILES, PENALTIES AND TO PROVIDE FOR A TITLE, SEVERABILITY AND REPEALER.**

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; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisors of the Township have determined that it is in the best interest of the residents of the Township and will promote the public health, safety and welfare to enact an Ordinance governing the use of ATVs, side by sides and snowmobiles; and

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

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

**Section 1- Title**

This Ordinance shall be known as the “Township ATV, Side by Side, and Snowmobile Roadway Use Ordinance.”

**Section 2- Definitions**

For purposes of this Ordinance the following definitions shall apply:

- a. An all-terrain vehicle, side by side or ATV shall mean a motorized off-highway vehicle which travels on three or more tires and which has a maximum width of 64 inches and a maximum dry weight of 4000 pounds or a width which exceeds 64 inches or a dry weight which exceeds 4000 pounds.
- b. The term ATV does not include snowmobiles, trail bikes, motorboats, golf carts, aircraft, dune buggies, automobiles, construction machines, trucks 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.

- c. Snowmobile means an engine driven vehicle which is all of the following: designed to travel over snow or ice, has an endless belt track or tracks, is steered by a ski or skis and has an overall width of 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 3- Designation of ATV, Side by Sides, and Snowmobile Roads**

Those Township roads, to the extent located within the Township, are hereby designated as ATV, side by side and snowmobile roads, to be shared with vehicular traffic.

### **Section 4- Operation of ATVs, Side by Sides, and Snowmobiles Upon Designated Roads**

Subject to the restrictions provided in this ordinance, ATVs, side by side, and snowmobiles may be operated upon all Township roadways. No ATV, side by side, or snowmobile shall enter upon private property without the consent of the owner.

### **Section 5- Signage**

Adequate notice of the designation as snowmobile, side by side and ATV roads shall be posted sufficiently and prominently on each of the roads to give notice of the designation.

### **Section 6- Use Restrictions**

- a. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate an ATV, side by side or snowmobile on any highway, street or road in the Township that is not designated as a snowmobile or ATV street. This section shall not prohibit any person from operating an ATV, side by side or snowmobile on highways, streets 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 events authorized in advance.
- d. All ATVs, side by sides, and snowmobiles shall be operated on the right side of the road and shall yield to vehicular traffic.
- e. No ATV, side by side, or snowmobile shall be driven at a speed in excess of 35 miles per hour.
- f. All operators of ATVs, side by sides or snowmobiles shall obey all of the provisions of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code and any regulations thereunder.

- g. No person under 16 years of age may operate a snowmobile, side by side or ATV on a designated road unless the individual holds a safety certificate to operate a snowmobile and is under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older.
- h. All ATVs, side by sides, and snowmobiles shall be equipped with a muffler in good working order and the sound produced shall not exceed the noise limitations provided in the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code.
- i. No ATV, side by side, or snowmobile 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.

### **Section 7- Violations**

Any violation of this Ordinance shall be a summary offense punishable upon conviction by fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$300 plus the costs of prosecution and attorney's fees.

### **Section 8- Severability**

If any section, subsection, paragraph, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase or word in this Ordinance is declared for any reason to be illegal, unconstitutional, or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or other tribunal, such decision shall not affect or impair the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any other section, subsection, paragraph, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase, word or remaining portion of this Ordinance. The Township Supervisors hereby declare that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, paragraph, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase, or word hereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the sections, subsections, paragraphs, provisions, regulations, limitations, restrictions, sentences, clauses, phrases or words may be declared illegal, unconstitutional or invalid.

### **Section 9- Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall be effective at the earliest date provided by law.

**Section 10 - Repealer**

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

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

Oil Creek Township Supervisors

Attest:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kenneth Tracey

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April Averill, Township Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dave Christy

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Mangel

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Oil Creek Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ adopted by the Oil Creek Township Supervisors on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 and advertised in the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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April Averill, Township Secretary