Local Law #1 of 1998

A LOCAL LAW ENTITLED "TOWN OF WATSON LOCAL LAW PERMITTING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE OPERATION OF CERTAIN TOWN HIGHWAYS."

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Local Law shall be known as the "Town of Watson Local Law Permitting All-Terrain Vehicle Operation on Certain Town Highways".

SECTION 11. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Local Law is to open for travel by all-terrain vehicles certain portions of the Town Highway system pursuant to the authority granted in Section 2405 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.

SECTION 111. DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this Local Law, the terms hereinafter identified shall have the meanings indicated:

Town: Town of Watson

ATV: An all-terrain vehicle, as defined in Section 2281(1) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.

SECTION IV. DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS. All Town Roads in the Town of Watson, County of Lewis and State of New York, are hereby designated as open to travel by ATVs.

SECTION V. CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS. All of the conditions, restrictions, rules and regulations contained in or adopted pursuant to Article 48-C of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York shall apply with respect to the operation of ATVs within the areas designated in the preceding Section IV. In addition, the following conditions and restrictions shall apply:

1. Operation within those designated areas shall be confined to the right shoulder and extreme right of center of the main traveled way, except as necessary to gain access to or egress from such areas.
2. Operators shall strictly observe all vehicular traffic signs and signals and all other rules and regulations applicable to vehicular traffic.
3. The designated areas shall be utilized for ATV travel only if, and to the extent that, suitable trails adjacent thereto do not exist or are not accessible.
4. No person shall operate an ATV at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing.

5. No person shall operate an ATV at a speed in excess of maximum established speed limits at any time.

6. No person shall operate an ATV upon a Town Road of the Town of Watson unless he or she is duly licensed to operate a motor vehicle pursuant to Article 19 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.

SECTION VI. VIOLATIONS. A violation of any provision of this Local Law shall be a traffic infraction, and every person convicted of a traffic infraction for a violation of this Local Law shall for a first conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not more than One hundred and no/ 100 ($100.00) Dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than fifteen (15) days or by both such fine and imprisonment; for a conviction of a second violation, both of which were committed within a period of eighteen (18) months, such person shall be punished by a fine of not more than Two hundred and no/ 100 ($200.00) dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than forty-five (45) days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION Vll. SEPARABILITY. An adjudication of the invalidity of any provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of it.

SECTION Vlll. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.