



Public Works Agenda Item

Meeting Date: January 10, 2023

Agenda Item: 4b. UTV/ATV on City Streets

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

Under the current ordinance, All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) and Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV) are permitted to operate on City owned streets within Jefferson County. According to the ordinance, the Public Works Committee is to monitor Jefferson County's review process and provide the city council with a report on Jefferson County's findings and actions no later than March 1, 2023.

Attached is the Jefferson County's Highway Committee Report to the full County Board. By unanimous consensus, the Highway Committee recommended to leave the ordinance in place without any adjustments at this time. The County Board discussed this item at their November 15, 2022. While minutes from this meeting are not available, a Highway Engineer for the County informed the City that the Board decided to keep the ordinance in effect as recommended by the Highway Committee.

Additionally, it has been requested that with the review of the current City ordinance that the Council consider allowing UTV/ATV's on all city streets that are in Walworth County also.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

In November 2021, the City Council adopted Chapter 11.45-Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) and Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV) Allowed, of the Municipal Code.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

None at this time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

From the Public Works perspective, staff does not see an issue with the continuation of UTV/ATV's on city streets in Jefferson County. Walworth County does not have a countywide ordinance pertaining to UTV/ATV's, but is leaving it up to each jurisdiction. From the Public Works perspective, staff does not have an issue extending the use of UTV/ATV's to city streets in Walworth County. Staff's recommendation would be either 1) send this to the full Council for an update and consideration, or 2) forward to the City Attorney to update the ordinance to include Walworth County and then bring it to Council.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. Highway Committee Report
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