

ORDINANCE NO. 2208

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RITZVILLE,
WASHINGTON ALLOWING THE OPERATION OF WHEELED ALL-TERRAIN
VEHICLES, AS DESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 46.09 RCW, ON CITY-MAINTAINED
STREETS AND ROADS WITH POSTED SPEED LIMITS OF THIRTY-FIVE (35) MILES
PER HOUR OR LESS**

WHEREAS, Chapter 46.09 RCW authorizes cities and counties to regulate the operation of wheeled all-terrain vehicles on public roadways under their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, RCW 46.09.310 defines “wheeled all-terrain vehicles” and classifies such vehicles as non-highway vehicles; and

WHEREAS, RCW 46.09.455 authorizes the operation of wheeled all-terrain vehicles on public roadways with posted speed limits of thirty-five (35) miles per hour or less, unless otherwise prohibited by local ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ritzville finds that allowing the operation of wheeled all-terrain vehicles on qualifying city-maintained streets and roads will provide transportation and recreational benefits to residents and visitors while maintaining public safety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the public to authorize the operation of wheeled all-terrain vehicles on city-maintained streets and roads within the City of Ritzville that have posted speed limits of thirty-five (35) miles per hour or less, except where specifically prohibited by law or by future resolution or ordinance of the City Council;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RITZVILLE,
WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Chapter 8.12 Traffic Regulations of the Ritzville City Code is hereby amended to add Section 8.12.090 as follows:

8.12.090 WHEELED ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES

A. Authorization.

Wheeled all-terrain vehicles, as defined in Chapter 46.09 RCW, may be operated on all city-maintained streets and roads within the City of Ritzville having posted speed limits of thirty-five (35) miles per hour or less, except where prohibited by posted signage, applicable law, or by future ordinance or resolution of the City Council.

B. Compliance with Law.

All operators of wheeled all-terrain vehicles within the City of Ritzville shall comply with all applicable provisions of Chapter 46.09 RCW, Chapter 46.61 RCW, and all other applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations, and safety requirements.

C. Driver Licensing and Equipment.

Operators must possess a valid driver’s license, and the wheeled all-terrain vehicle must meet all equipment, registration, and operational requirements established under Washington State law.

Section 2. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after publication as required by law.

READ in open meeting, PASSED by the City Council of the City of Ritzville, Washington, and ORDERED PUBLISHED this 2nd day of June, 2026.

Scott Yaeger, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Julie Flyckt, Clerk-Treasurer

John Kragt, City Attorney