

PLEASANTVIEW TOWNSHIP EMMET COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING OFF-ROAD VEHICLE (ORV) OVERSIGHT AND EDUCATION POLICIES

WHEREAS, Pleasantview Township previously enacted Ordinance 1-2012, which heavily regulated ORV use within the township; and

WHEREAS, after thorough discussion with township stakeholders, including the Emmet County Sheriff's Department, township board members, business owners, and community members, it has been determined that enforcement of this ordinance is not feasible and has resulted in confusion and economic hardship; and

WHEREAS, the Pleasantview Township Board has determined that repealing Ordinance 1-2012 is in the best interest of the community while still promoting responsible ORV use through education, signage, and collaboration with the Emmet County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, the Emmet County Sheriff's Department has provided recommendations for signage placement at key intersections to improve rider awareness and safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pleasantview Township Board adopts the following policies regarding ORV oversight:

1. Signage Implementation

A. The township shall coordinate with the Emmet County Road Commission to place ORV-related signage at the following intersections:

- Chadderon Rd/E. Brutus Rd. (eastbound and westbound crossings)
- N. Conway Rd/E. Brutus Rd. (seasonal portion of N. Conway Rd.)
- E. Stutsmanville Rd, east of Pleasantview Rd. (turnaround area)
- Tower Rd., east of Pleasantview Rd. (turnaround area)
- Valley Rd./Chadderon Rd. (turnaround/parking area for North Country Trail/Snowmobile Trail)

B. Signage shall include clear, concise verbiage such as "ORV Speed Limit 25 MPH" and reference the applicable Emmet County Ordinance for ORV operation.

2. Public Education Initiative

A. Pleasantview Township shall develop educational materials regarding ORV safety and regulations, to be available at the Township Hall and on the township's website and social media pages.

B. The township shall partner with the Emmet County Sheriff's Department, local businesses, and community groups such as the Mud Brothers and the Harbor Springs Snowmobile Club to promote responsible ORV use.

3. Organized ORV Ride Notification

A. For organized ORV rides consisting of a number to be determined or more vehicles, participants are encouraged to notify the Emmet County Sheriff's Department as a courtesy.

B. The Sheriff's Department may provide safety guidance and, if available, assist with major road crossings to enhance public safety.

4. Collaboration with Law Enforcement and Community Groups

A. The Township shall continue working with law enforcement and local organizations to foster a culture of responsible ORV use.

B. The Township encourages self-regulation among ORV riders and cooperation with local authorities to address concerns as they arise.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption and that all Township officials and stakeholders shall work towards its implementation.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2025, by the Pleasantview Township Board, Emmet County, Michigan.

Rock Beydoun, Township Supervisor

Debra Bosma, Township Clerk

CERTIFICATION: I, Debra Bosma, Clerk of Pleasantview Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Pleasantview Township Board at a regular meeting held on _____, 2025.

Debra Bosma, Township Clerk