Fort Fairfield Town Council Special Meeting Council Chambers Wednesday, June 1, 2022 6:00 P.M.

I. Roll Call

II. Prayer

III. Pledge to the Flag

IV. Public Comment

V. Old Business

A. ATV Ordinance 22-04 Public Ordinance Hearing

VI. Industrial Park K-Pel Expansion Discussion

VII. Other

VIII. Adjournment

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LEGAL NOTICE Town of Fort Fairfield Public Hearing

There will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Fort Fairfield Municipal Building located at 18 Community Center Drive, Fort Fairfield, Maine. The purpose of this hearing is to allow for public comments on the following:

Ordinance 22-04: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR All Terrain Vehicle Regulations

The Town of Fort Fairfield has from time to time adopted ordinances regulating the Operation of All Terrain Vehicles within the right of way of town ways and/or streets; and the current ordinance 06-12 needs to be amended to better regulate the Operation of All Terrain Vehicles in this community by Adding "Section 3B — Operation of Registered ATVs Fort Fairfield Town Roads and Streets"; and the Town Council of the Town of Fort Fairfield finds it to be necessary to promote the health, welfare and safety of the public that restrictions on the Operation of All Terrain Vehicles be administered under a comprehensive ordinance; the Town of Fort Fairfield considers adopting a consolidated ATV ordinance regulating the Operation of All Terrain Vehicles on public ways or/and streets of the Town of Fort Fairfield, hereby repealing and replacing any and all other ordinances of the Town of which are inconsistent herewith.

This ordinance may be reviewed in entirety at the Town Office during regular business hours. Comments and/or questions should be directed to Tony Levesque, Code Enforcement Officer, 18 Community Center Drive, Fort Fairfield, Maine, 04742, or by phone at (207) 472-3805. Comments will be received until the Town Council takes action for approval at the next Town Council Meeting, June 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

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Section 3B - Operation of Registered ATVs on Fort Fairfield Town Roads and Streets

- 1. All ATVs that are operated on State roads will follow Maine State statutes (<u>Title 12, §13157-A</u>) pertaining to ATVs operating on a public way, including the 500-yard maximum. This ordinance does not pertain to State Roads (Route 1A, Route 167, Route 161)
- 2. All ATVs that are operated on Town roads in Fort Fairfield will follow Maine State statutes as far as age requirements, helmet laws any other safety requirements as outlined by Maine State statutes.
- 3. ATVs operated on a public way or trail system in the Town of Fort Fairfield may not operate an ATV that is not equipped at all times with an effective and suitable muffling device on its engine to effectively deaden or muffle the noise of the exhaust; Operate or modify an ATV with an exhaust system that has been modified in any manner that will increase the noise emitted above the following emission standard: Each ATV must meet noise emission standards of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and in no case exceed 96 decibels of sound pressure when measured from a distance of 20 inches using test procedures established by the commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.
- 4. All ATVs that are operated on Town roads in Fort Fairfield will be operated only by Fort Fairfield residents. Non-residents may only operate on approved, signed ATV Access Routes and trails.
- 5. All ATVs that are operated on Town roads in Fort Fairfield will use the roads for the sole purpose of getting from their residence to the closest ATV trail or ATV Access Route. ATVs are not to be operated on the roads in Fort Fairfield for any other purpose other than to access the closest ATV trail/ access route to their residence.
- 6. All ATVs that are operated on Town roads in Fort Fairfield will operate at a speed that does not exceed 15 MPH.
- 7. All ATVs that are operated on Town roads in Fort Fairfield will follow State statutes as outlined in Title 12, §13157-A and will yield to all other modes of transportation, including motorists, farm equipment, heavy duty equipment, pedestrians, bicycles, and horses.
- 8. All ATVs that are operated on Town roads in Fort Fairfield will ride to the extreme right of the travel lane or in the breakdown lane, in a single file. ATVs will not use the soft shoulder of the road, to prevent excessive wear on the shoulder of the road. ATVs will not operate on sidewalks.
- 9. ATV access for residents using the Town of Fort Fairfield Public ways from their residence to the trail is a privilege that can be revoked should the statutes of the State of Maine and this ordinance be violated.
- 10. Fort Fairfield Police Officers will monitor the ATV traffic as they do with motor vehicle traffic to ensure that ATVs are adhering to the laws set forth by the State of Maine, Title 29-A, Title 7 and by this Ordinance. Residents found in violation of the above rules and regulation will lose their privilege to operate their ATV from their residence to the trail or access route.
- 11. The Town Council reserves the right to revisit and revoke privileges set forth in Section 3B numbers 1-8 of this ordinance should ATV riders not follow the rules as set forth in Section 3B numbers 1-8.