



"A LITTLE BIT OF COUNTRY"

LINDON CITY NEWSLETTER

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Mayor

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100 North State St/Upper Level
785-5043

Community Development

100 North State St/Lower Level
785-7687

Public Works

946 West Center Street
796-7954

Justice Court

100 North State Street
Upper Level
785-1971

Police

100 North State Street
Lower Level
Emergency - 911
Non-emergency Dispatch
229-7070
Police Department Offices
769-8600

Fire

Emergency - 911
Non-emergency Dispatch
229-7070
Other Fire Services
229-7327

Aquatics Center

60 West 60 North
610-4160

Community/Senior Center

25 North Main
769-8637/769-8625

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"Street-Legal All Terrain Vehicles"

Perhaps you have noticed the increasing amounts of 4-wheelers or "Side-by-Side" Off Highway vehicles being operated on city streets here in Lindon. State Legislative action made this possible a couple of years ago, if smaller cities approve their use upon city streets. At the time of the States action, citizens in town embraced the change and many made their vehicles legal and licensed them. Since then they have been allowed to drive legally upon most city streets. It has been recently discovered however, that for Lindon City to legally allow such use, a city ordinance enumerating rules and allowed roads for use must be adopted. A proposed ordinance allowing this use will be considered by the City Council in a Public Hearing during their August 20th meeting. Following is a synopsis of the proposed ordinance (provided to the City Council) for your consideration.

The following proposed ordinance, Lindon City Code Chapter 10.18 is proposed for City Council consideration to ensure that Lindon City's practices comply with Utah State law regarding the operation of "Street Legal All-Terrain Vehicles" upon Lindon City streets. For background: In the General Legislative Session of 2010, the State Legislature enacted revisions to Utah Code 41-6a-1509 which defined what constituted a "Street Legal ATV" and provided the ability for cities located within Counties of the 2nd through 6th classes the ability to permit operation of ATV's meeting the equipment and registration requirements on City streets. Since the effective date of that legislation, and through extensive publicity regarding the changes, many Lindon City residents have purchased and/or modified their ATV's to meet the requirements specified in 41-6a-1509 and have then registered their ATV's as required by the State. From that time until this date these residents have been operating their ATV's upon Lindon City streets as both they and the Police Department believed that they were in compliance with State Law. Upon examination of the State Code it was recently discovered that: as Lindon City is located in Utah County, (a County of the 2nd Class) and as Lindon City has more than 7,500 residents, before ANY "Street Legal ATV's" may be operated upon city streets the Lindon City Council must enact an ordinance which states both the designated and non-designated roadways for approved use and referencing both state law and any additional requirements placed upon the vehicles and their operators by the City. This ordinance is hereby requested, to allow a practice to continue legally which has been taking place (without problem) in Lindon City for over three years. To summarize the attached proposed ordinance, if passed the owner/operator of a "Street-Legal ATV" must meet the following requirements: The operator must meet the same requirements as a motorcycle in that: The vehicle must be driven so as to follow all traffic rules; The operator must be at least 16 years of age AND possess a valid Driver's License; The vehicle must be legally registered AND possess a State issued license plate; The owner must pay fees in lieu of property taxes; The vehicle must pass vehicle emissions inspection. The vehicle must meet the following requirements as a motor vehicle, in that: The vehicle must be covered by motor vehicle insurance AND proof thereof must be carried in/on the vehicle; The vehicle must pass a safety inspection. To be a "street legal ATV" the following equipment is required: Headlamps; One or more tail lamp; Light illuminating the license plate; Red reflectors to the rear; Stop lamps on the rear; Amber electric turn signals front and rear; A braking system, other than a parking braking; A horn or other warning device; A muffler and emissions control system; Rear view mirrors on both sides of the vehicle; A windshield, or eye protection for the driver; An illuminated speedometer; A footrest and handhold for each passenger; and, For "side by side" vehicles, a seatbelt for each occupant. The operator of a "Street Legal ATV" may not exceed the posted speed limit or a maximum speed of 45 MPH. The operator of the ATV must be at least 16 years of age and possess (and present to the officer) a valid Driver's License. The operator of the ATV must be able to produce a State of Utah vehicle registration for the vehicle which identifies it as a "Street Legal ATV" and have a corresponding State of Utah license plate attached to the vehicle. (This is not to be confused with the personal property tax sticker which should be attached to all ATVs. The requirement is an official State of Utah license plate.) The operator must produce current proof of motor vehicle insurance for this vehicle (ATV). If the proposed ordinance is approved and enacted, Street Legal ATV's may be operated under the above noted conditions on any street within the City limits of Lindon City with the following exceptions: I-15 – Closed Access Highway with a speed limit higher than 45 miles per hour. State Road 114 (Geneva Road) posted speed limit higher than 45 miles per hour.

I encourage you to study the above information and seek your input on this proposed ordinance prior to the August 20, 2013 City Council meeting. Written comments may be submitted to the City at kmoosman@lindoncity.org. Your input as a citizen of Lindon is valuable and will be carefully considered, whether for or against these proposed changes.

Cody Cullimore, Chief of Police

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who participated in the **First Lindon's Lazy IRONMAN!** We hope you enjoyed yourself and improved your health! Participants can pick up your IRONMAN T-shirt on August 10th at 7:00 a.m. at the Community Center!