

S T A T E O F M I C H I G A N

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS—APPROVE OFF ROAD VEHICLE ORDINANCE
COMMUNICATION**

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2020, the Allegan County Board of Commissioners (Board) authorized the County Administrator to prepare a communication to the local units regarding the position of the Board regarding a county-wide Off Road Vehicle Ordinance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board approves the communication as presented; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the County Administrator is authorized to send the communication to all local units of government within Allegan County on behalf of the Board.

Allegan County Board of Commissioners



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*Jim Storey, Chairperson
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MEMORANDUM

July 29, 2020

DISTRICT 1

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TO: Local Unit Representatives
RE: **Off Road Vehicle Ordinance**

DISTRICT 2

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On July 23, 2020, at the request of interested citizens, the Allegan County Board of Commissioners discussed the concept of a county-wide Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Ordinance. This was considered in 2014 resulting in the decision of the Board to take no action regarding the development of an ordinance to allow ORVs to travel on county roads. During the July 23 Meeting, the Board reaffirmed the 2014 decision largely due to the absence of a unified position being represented by all, or even the majority of, local units in the County. Considering the geographical, roadway and philosophical differences that may exist across the County, the matter remains best considered at the local level.

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The decisions outlined above are solely in relation to the development of a single county-wide ordinance and do not represent a position on the use of ORVs on roads within a local unit. In the event local units decide to pursue an ORV ordinance, there may be travel and enforcement needs that span beyond local unit borders. This presents an opportunity for various local units to work together regionally or across the County to ensure consistency.

DISTRICT 4

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In an effort to provide a base for consistency and safety, the Road Commission, Sheriff's Office and Prosecutor's Office are offering assistance to any local unit or group of local units that may consider developing an ORV ordinance. These agencies are also willing to work collaboratively with other local law enforcement agencies and stakeholders. The following contact information is being provided for your convenience:

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Prosecuting Attorney's Office
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DISTRICT 7

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Mission Statement

"The Allegan County Board of Commissioners shall plan, develop, and evaluate the necessary policies and resources to ensure our county continues to progress and prosper"