

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

For Meeting of: February 28, 2017

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ACTION REQUESTED

Review and discuss a proposed City ordinance regulating ATVs on public streets in Pullman. Provide staff direction on presenting for action at a future City Council meeting a City Ordinance regulating ATVs on public streets in Pullman.

BACKGROUND

All-terrain vehicles ("ATVs"), whether registered or unregistered, are illegal to operate on public streets within Pullman City limits. There is a long history of ATVs operating on the public streets in Pullman providing snowplowing services to residents and businesses. Operators of ATVs are subject to receiving an infraction for the illegal operation of an ATV on a public street. State law allows cities to regulate the operation of non-highway vehicles, including ATVs, on streets in their jurisdiction. Completion of a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Environmental Checklist would be required. This process is normally 30-45 days, but can take longer.

Staff brings this issue for discussion. Attached is a draft ordinance for consideration at a future City Council meeting. The highlights of the attached draft ordinance include:

- Operation limited to city streets with a speed limit of 35 MPH or less
- Operators and passengers must wear a motorcycle helmet
- ATV must be registered
- ATV must comply with equipment requirements contained in the RCW, including headlights, tail lamps, stop lamps, reflectors, turn signals, mirrors, windshields, horns, brakes, spark arresters, and muffling devices
- Operators must obey all rules of the road applicable to vehicles
- No passengers under the age of five are allowed

RECOMMENDATION

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FISCAL IMPACT

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SUBMITTED BY

ATTACHMENTS FOR COUNCIL REVIEW/ACTION

Name: Gary Jenkins
Title: Chief of Police
Department: Police

1. Draft ordinance regulating ATVs on public streets in Pullman

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