

VILLAGE OF BROWNVILLE

LOCAL LAW #2 of 2026

REPEAL and REPLACE CHAPTER 67- Small Motorized Vehicle

REPEAL CHAPTER 67 – Small Motorized Vehicles in its entirety

AND

REPLACE with

CHAPTER 67 - Regulating and Restricting Certain Motorized Vehicles

§ 1. Purpose and Legislative Intent

The Village Board of the Village of Brownville finds that the operation of certain motorized recreational and non-traditional vehicles presents risks to public safety, creates excessive noise, damages public property, and interferes with the quiet enjoyment of residential neighborhoods. This local law is adopted to protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents while allowing limited and reasonable use on private property.

§ 2. Definitions

All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) – As defined in New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) – A motorized off-highway vehicle, including side-by-side vehicles.

Snowmobile – As defined in New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law.

Minibike – Any small motorized bicycle or motor-driven cycle not intended for highway use.

Golf Cart – Any motorized vehicle designed primarily for use on golf courses.

Electric Scooter – Any motorized or electric scooter not otherwise classified as a motor vehicle; this definition shall not include Class II medical or mobility assistance devices (see § 6 of this chapter).

Public Property – Any village street, highway, sidewalk, right-of-way, park, playground, or village-owned land or facility.

§ 3. Prohibition on Public Property

The operation of ATVs, UTVs, snowmobiles, minibikes, golf carts, electric scooters, or similar motorized vehicles is prohibited on any public property within the Village of Brownville, including streets, sidewalks, parks, rights-of-way, and village-owned property.

§ 4. Operation on Private Property Restricted

Operation of ATVs, UTVs, snowmobiles, minibikes, golf carts, electric scooters, or similar motorized vehicles is permitted only on private property with the express permission of the property owner. Operation is prohibited between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Operation shall not include travel on public streets or rights-of-way.

§ 5. Noise, Exhaust, and Vehicle Alterations

ATVs, UTVs, snowmobiles, minibikes, golf carts, electric scooters, or similar motorized vehicles must be equipped with a properly functioning manufacturer-installed muffler. Modified, straight-pipe, or amplified exhaust systems are prohibited. No person shall tamper with noise-suppression or emission-control equipment.

§ 6. Medical, Mobility, and ADA Compliance Exception

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit or restrict the use of motorized devices required for medical or mobility assistance purposes by individuals with disabilities.

This chapter shall be applied and enforced in a manner consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the New York State Human Rights Law, and all other applicable state and federal accessibility and disability-rights laws.

§ 7. Enforcement and Penalties

Violations are punishable by fines up to \$250 for a first offense, \$500 for a second offense, and \$1,000 for subsequent offenses, or imprisonment as permitted by law.

§ 8. Severability

If any provision of this local law is found invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions.