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Wheeled all-terrain vehicles allowed on more county roads starting in 2021

Effective Jan. 1, 2021 wheeled all-terrain vehicles will be permitted on additional roadways within unincorporated areas of east Pierce County.

The roadways were added with the County Council's unanimous approval of [Ordinance 2020-90s](#). The ordinance repealed a section of existing Pierce County Code and adopted a new chapter which outlines which Pierce County roads allow wheeled all-terrain vehicles. It also established operational standards.

These new roads expand the [existing 52 centerline miles](#) in unincorporated Pierce County where wheeled all-terrain vehicles are currently allowed to a total of 371 centerline miles.

The passed legislation includes requirements of who can operate the vehicles, where they can be used and licensing requirements. It also reinforces state law, which requires wheeled all-terrain vehicles must not exceed 35 miles per hour, or the road's posted speed limit, and outlines where they are not permitted.

View [Exhibit A](#) of the ordinance to see the full list of requirements.

Pierce County Planning and Public Works Department will update the wheeled all-terrain vehicle website, and work with outside agencies to update materials to reflect the latest changes. Signage along the roadways will also be updated.

Visit the county's [wheeled all-terrain vehicles website](#) to learn more about where these vehicles are allowed within unincorporated Pierce County.

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