

# Updated ORV Law

January 1, 2010

Public Act 240 of 2008 allows ORV traffic on certain county roads.  
Clare County adopted ORV Ordinance No. 22 for off-road vehicles.

**ORVs** - include 2, 3 and 4-wheeled vehicles such as dirt bikes, ATVs, quads, Polaris Ranger, Kawasaki Mule, Yamaha Rhino, John Deere Gator, Kubota RTV, etc. Golf carts remain a "grey area" as of this printing. The expected 2010 amendment to specifically address golf carts is not in effect as of this printing (5/1/2010). You are cautioned to operate them on county roads at your own risk. **Now in effect, all ORVs must have their headlights and taillights on at all times while operating, day or night.**

**Basic rules:** [see complete ordinance at [www.clareco.net](http://www.clareco.net)]

- display current annual ORV license sticker on back of vehicle
- speed limit is 25 mph
- drive on the far right (not on the shoulder), with the traffic flow
- drive single file, & don't interfere with regular traffic
- headlights & taillights on at all times
- wear seat belts
- wear safety glasses and a crash helmet (unless your vehicle has a roof)
- carry your valid Michigan Driver's License with you
- drivers aged 12-16 must carry their ORV Safety Certification and have an adult on-board (carrying their valid Mich DL)
- drivers under 12 not permitted

■ **Violators may be fined up to \$500.00** ■

**You MAY drive on Clareola Rd.** (Clare Co. and Osceola Co. share that road as it divides the two counties. Osceola Co has approved ORV traffic on Clareola Rd.)

**You MAY NOT drive an ORV on:**

- Maple Grove Road from Bringold Ave E to M-115
- Surrey Road from US-10 east to Cornwell Road
- Any state or federal highway (you are allowed to directly cross a state road to continue your path on an approved county road)

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Get more information:

[http://www.offroad-ed.com/mi/handbook/education\\_requirements.htm](http://www.offroad-ed.com/mi/handbook/education_requirements.htm)

For information on ORV Safety Courses and Certification:

<http://www.dnr.state.mi.us/recnsearch/recnsrc.asp>