

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD, NEW MEXICO

ORDINANCE NO. 474

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING RECREATIONAL OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES AND ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES TO BE OPERATED ON ROADS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY THE CITY OF BLOOMFIELD, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, 66-3-1011 governs the operation of off-highway motor vehicles on paved streets and highways; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico State Legislature, in its 2016 regular session, amended NMSA 1978, 66-3-1011 to authorize municipalities to allow operation of recreational off-highway vehicles ("ROVs") and all-terrain vehicles ("ATVs") on City-owned and controlled paved streets and highways under conditions listed in NMSA 1978, 66-3-1011.C; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomfield desires to allow ROVs and ATVs to be operated on city-owned and controlled streets and highways under the conditions listed in NMSA 1978, 66-3-1011.C; and

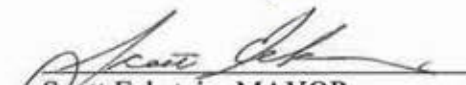
WHEREAS, ROVs and ATVs operating under NMSA 1978, 66-3-1011 shall operate at either the posted speed limit or at a speed limit which may be established by the New Mexico State Transportation Commission for such vehicles, whichever is slower; and

WHEREAS, off-highway motor vehicle safety permits, as required by 66-3-1011, are not available in New Mexico, the police department shall not cite ROV and ATV operators for operating their vehicles without said permits until permits are issued by the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, US Highway 64 and US Highway 550 are neither city-owned nor controlled, thus nothing in this ordinance authorizes or permits the operation of ROVs or ATVs on US Highway 64 or US Highway 550 within the city limits of the City of Bloomfield.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Bloomfield authorizes the operation of ROVs and ATVs on city-owned and controlled roads and highways under the conditions listed in NMSA 1978, 66-3-1011(C) and this ordinance and the City of Bloomfield hereby expressly adopts NMSA 1978, 66-3-1011 by this ordinance.

Passed, Approved, Signed and Adopted this 22 day of August, 2016.


Scott Eckstein, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Erikka Martinez, CITY CLERK

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