

**ORDINANCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 230. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF ROCKY HILL that Chapter 230 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Rocky Hill is hereby repealed in its entirety and the following is substituted in its place:

CHAPTER 230. VEHICLES ON CERTAIN MEADOWS ROADS

§ 230-1. Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to restrict the operation of motorized vehicles on certain specified streets in the area known as the Rocky Hill Meadows in order to prevent vandalism, promote public health and safety, and protect farmland and crops from contamination and damage.

§ 230-2. Definitions

Motorized Vehicle – Any motorized vehicle propelled by nonmuscular power, including but not limited to motor vehicles defined by State statute, all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes, mini-motorcycles, and snowmobiles.

All-terrain vehicle – A self-propelled vehicle, including go-carts, designed to travel over unimproved terrain that has been determined by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to be unsuitable for operation on the public highways and is not eligible for registration.

Dirt bike – A two-wheeled motorized recreational vehicle designed to travel over unimproved terrain and not designed for travel on a highway.

Mini-motorcycle – Any vehicle propelled by nonmuscular power that (1) has not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, (2) has a manufactured seat height of less than twenty-six inches measured at the lowest point on top of the seat cushion without the rider, and (3) is propelled by an engine having a piston displacement of less than 50 c.c.

Snowmobile – Any self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice, except propelled by sail.

Meadows Property Owners – Any owner of real property on the streets identified in Section 230-3.

§ 230-3. Motorized vehicles prohibited on certain streets

No Motorized Vehicle as defined in Section 230-2 of this Chapter, shall be operated on the following public streets in the Town of Rocky Hill:

- A. Meadow Road aka Meadow Street from a gate at the end of Goff Brook Road southerly approximately 2270 feet to North Meadow Lane;
- B. North Meadow Lane, from Meadow Road aka Meadow Street, easterly approximately 4645 feet to Great Meadow Road;
- C. Great Meadow Road from North Meadow Lane southerly approximately, 3175 feet, thence in a westerly direction approximate 5030 feet to a gate at Meadow Road.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this prohibition shall not apply to Meadows Property Owners, or their invitees.

§ 230-4. Exception for agricultural or business purposes or other good cause

Persons having good cause to operate Motorized Vehicles on the roads referred to in Section 230-3, may apply for a permit from the Town Manager.

§ 230-5. Enforcement

The Town Manager shall enforce Section 230.3 by permanently locking the gates at the following three entrances into the Rocky Hill Meadows.

- 1. The entrance at Ferry Park.
- 2. The entrance at Goff Brook Road.
- 3. The entrance from the Town of Wethersfield.

The Town Manager shall be the keeper of keys to the gates (the “Keys”), and shall control and document the distribution of Keys. No person except the Town Manager or his designee is permitted to make copies of the Keys.

The Town Manager shall provide Keys to all Meadows Property Owners. Each Meadows Property Owner may keep and use the Key on an ongoing basis, and shall have the responsibility to (i) safeguard the Key, (ii) ensure that the Key is not copied, and (iii) ensure that the gates are closed and locked except as needed for the passage of a permitted Motorized Vehicle. For good cause, including but not limited to violation of any provision in this Section, the Town Manager may impose reasonable restrictions on a Meadows Property Owner’s right to keep and use a Key. Any such action by the Town Manager shall be taken after reasonable notice and a hearing, and shall be subject to a right of appeal by the Meadows Property Owner.

The Town Manager may provide a Key to any person whom a Meadows Property Owner (a “Sponsoring Owner”) identifies to the Town Manager in writing as an invitee

who requires ongoing access to the Rocky Hill Meadows by Motorized Vehicle (an "Ongoing Invitee"). An Ongoing Invitee may keep and use the key on an ongoing basis. The Sponsoring Owner and Ongoing Invitee shall share the responsibility to (i) safeguard the Key, (ii) ensure that the Key is not copied, and (iii) ensure that the gates are closed and locked except as needed for the passage of a permitted Motorized Vehicle. For good cause, including but not limited to violation of any provision in this Section, the Town Manager may revoke an Ongoing Invitee's right to keep and use a Key. Any such action by the Town Manager shall be taken after reasonable notice and a hearing, and shall be subject to a right of appeal by the Meadows Property Owner.

For persons who establish good cause to operate a Motorized Vehicle on the roads in the Rocky Hill Meadows pursuant to section 230-4, the Town Manager shall make reasonable arrangements to accommodate such person's access.

§ 230-6. Penalties for offenses

In addition to all other remedies available to the Town by law, violation of Section 230-3 shall be punishable by citation issued by The Town Manager, or a designee, in the amount of not more than \$250.00 per occurrence.

The provisions of C.G.S. § 7-152c, Subsections (b) through (g), inclusive, are hereby adopted by reference as if fully set forth herein.

**THIS ORDINANCE WILL TAKE EFFECT
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TOWN CHARTER**

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