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# KAHNAWÀ:KE ATV/ATC LAW

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Preamble

**WHEREAS** it has been identified that the operation of All Terrain vehicles within the Mohawk Territory of Kahnawà:ke must be monitored and regulated; and

## SECTION I

"Purpose"

### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the ATV/ATC Law is to minimize the public nuisance of 3 and 4-wheel All Terrain Vehicles and ensure their safe use and operation for work-related purposes on Mohawk Territory of Kahnawà:ke [hereinafter the Territory].

"Definitions"

### 2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 For the purposes of the ATV/ATC Law, the following words, acronyms and terms shall be defined as follows:

"ATV/ATC"

"ATV/ATC" is a passenger vehicle with no less than 3 wheels designed for recreational and work-related use off a public highway on unrestricted lands within the Territory and having a net mass of less than 600 kilograms.

"ATV/ATC Use"

"ATV/ATC use" includes care and control, use and operation of an ATV/ATC for recreational and work-related purposes.

"ATV/ATC Users Permit"

"ATV/ATC Users Permit" is a permit specifically required for the use and operation of ATV's/ATC's on the Territory and is subject to the ATV/ATC Law of the Territory. ATV/ATC use for "**work-related**" purposes must be noted on the ATV/ATC Users Permit.

"Kanien'kehà:ka Territory of Kahnawà:ke or Territory"

"**Kanien'kehà:ka Territory of Kahnawà:ke**" or "**Territory**" means:

- a. the lands under the control and jurisdiction of the Kanien'kehà:ka of Kahnawà:ke;
- b. any and all lands that may be added to the lands now under the control and jurisdiction of the Kanien'kehà:ka of Kahnawà:ke through the negotiation and resolution of land grievances;
- c. any and all lands that may be added to the lands now under the control

and jurisdiction of the Kanien'kehà:ka of Kahnawà:ke as a result of any other means; and,

- d. lands, which are returned to, Kahnawà:ke as lands within the meaning of subsection 91(24) of the *Constitution Act*, 1867.

"Numbered Highway"

**"Numbered Highway"** includes any highway assigned a number and duly indicated by signs.

"Public Roads"

**"Public Roads"** include any roads in the Territory covered with pavement and not necessarily designated as a numbered highway.

"Unrestricted Lands"

**"Unrestricted Lands"** comprises any lands on the Kahnawà:ke Territory that are not privately owned, those lands otherwise prohibited by MCK which include public roads, or within the "Village Area of Kahnawà:ke" where further restrictions for ATV/ATC usage(s) apply.

"Village Area of Kahnawà:ke"

**"Village Area of Kahnawà:ke"** boundaries as deemed by MCK.

"Work-related"

**"Work-related"** refers to ATV/ATC use for industrial and commercial purposes, private residential snow-removal and other general utility functions approved by MCK.

## SECTION II

"Eligibility Requirement for obtaining an annual ATV/ATC User Permit"

### 3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING AN ANNUAL ATV/ATC USERS PERMIT

- 3.1 A person must be 16 years of age or older to use and operate an ATV/ATC.
- 3.2 Persons 16 years of age or older must have a valid drivers permit in addition to the ATV/ATC Users Permit to use or operate an ATV/ATC – a drivers permit under suspension will prevent a person from acquiring an ATV/ATC Users Permit.
- 3.3 The ATV/ATC Users Permit is valid only for the owner/operator that applies for the permit.
- 3.4 Each ATV/ATC Users Permit must be registered to a specific ATV/ATC.
- 3.5 Each ATV/ATC must pass an annual inspection with the Kahnawà:ke Peacekeepers ensuring that the ATV/ATC meets all operational and safety requirements.
- 3.6 An annual ATV/ATC work-related permit may be obtained only if the applicant:
- a. at the time of applying for an annual ATV/ATC Users Permit, declares their intention to use the ATV/ATC for work-related purposes.

b. is required to be exempt from any specified articles provided for in the ATV/ATC Law.

3.7 An ATV/ATC permit holder is subject to fines administered in accordance with this law as listed below and may have his or her permit revoked if the regulations respecting ATV/ATC use are not adhered to.

4. **REGULATIONS FOR THE USE AND OPERATION OF ATV’S/ATC’S**

4.1 Any person owning an ATV/ATC must hold a personal civil liability insurance contract for not less than \$500,000.00 that includes bodily injury to others and any property damage caused by the vehicle by accident, negligently or otherwise.

4.2 Persons using or operating an ATV/ATC must be registered on the aforementioned policy where they are not the owners of the ATV/ATC they are using or operating.

4.3 At the time of using or operating an ATV/ATC a person must be in possession of the appropriate ownership, registration, insurance certificate pursuant to s. 4.1, and ATV/ATC users permit.

4.4 No operator shall carry a number of passengers on the vehicle greater than the capacity specified by the manufacturer or use the ATV/ATC for activities not recommended by the manufacturer pursuant to the User’s Manual of the ATV/ATC.

4.5 A speed limit of 30 km/hr will be in force for ATV’s/ATC’s throughout the Territory including when crossing a public road, or within 100 feet or any residence on the Territory

4.6 The use of an ATV/ATC for work-related purposes is from dawn until dusk at the discretion of a Kahnawà:ke Peacekeeper, except on week-ends where the use of an ATV/ATC for work-related purposes is not permitted until after 7:00AM.

4.7 ATV/ATC use for work-related purposes allows the restricted use of ATV’s/ATC’s on public roads provided that they are not exceeding a speed of 30 km/hr; obeying all traffic regulations in force on the Territory; not exceeding the towing capacity specified by the manufacturer; and not performing activities contraindicated for ATV/ATC use in accordance with public safety and or specified by the manufacturer.

4.8 ATV’s/ATC’s used for snow removal, landscaping and other related activities on private property are not required to obtain a ATV/ATC User Permit for work-related purposes and are exempt from the public road prohibition strictly for the purpose of snow ploughing and removal.

4.9 It is prohibited to use or operate an ATV/ATC in such a way as to endanger the

life or safety of any persons including the person using or operating the ATV/ATC.

- 4.10 It is prohibited to use or operate an ATV/ATC on a numbered highway except as required by section 4.9 to make a safe crossing.
- 4.11 Driving on paved public roads is prohibited except to make safe crossings at places designated by the Kahnawà:ke Safety Committee. **(NOT IN FORCE)**
- 4.12 Impaired driving, the consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs is prohibited when using or operating an ATV/ATC.
- 4.13 Defective, faulty, damaged or after-market modifications of an ATV/ATC not recommended by the manufacturer are prohibited for use on the Territory.

*"Mandatory  
Equipment for the  
use or operations  
of an ATV/ATC"*

5. **MANDATORY EQUIPMENT FOR THE USE OR OPERATION OF AN  
ATV/ATC**

- 5.1 A functional white headlight properly fixed to the front of the ATV/ATC and suited to the manufacturer's specifications is required.
- 5.2 A functional red taillight(s) properly fixed to the rear of the ATV/ATC and suited to the manufacturer's specifications is required.
- 5.3 A rear view mirror securely attached to the left side of the ATV/ATC handlebars is required.
- 5.4 A complete exhaust system that functions properly and is fastened in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications is required.
- 5.5 A functional speedometer consistent with parts and supplies accommodated for in the manufacturer's specifications is required.
- 5.6 A protective helmet approved by the Kahnawà:ke Safety Committee and recommended by manufacturer is required for the operation of ATV's/ATC's. Safety visors attached to the helmet are recommended.
- 5.7 Safety goggles approved by the Kahnawà:ke Safety Committee are required if the helmet has no visor.

**SECTION III**

*"Penalties"*

6. **PENALTIES**

- 6.1 Contravention of any of the regulations in the "Regulations for ATV/ATC use on Kahnawà:ke Territory" is guilty of an offence punishable by a fine of not less than \$250.00 and not exceeding \$500.00.

	6.2	Penalties for violation of article 4.11 include, but are not limited to: immediate seizure of the ATV/ATC; possible suspension of driver's permit; fines specified by the ATV/ATC Law; and ATV/ATC Users Permit revoked.
"Enforcement"	7.	<b><u>ENFORCEMENT</u></b>
	7.1	The Kahnawà:ke Peacekeepers are empowered by MCK to enforce the ATV/ATC Law.
"Court"	8.	<b><u>COURT</u></b>
	8.1	The Court of Kahnawà:ke may hear prosecution under any traffic or nuisance provisions of any applicable law in force on the Territory with respect to the use of ATV's/ATC's.
	8.2	Fines or penalties shall be identified and ordered and enforceable in accordance with any relevant and applied law(s) in force on the Territory.
	8.3	The Court of Kahnawà:ke has jurisdiction over all matters related to this law including matters concerning permit issuance, suspension, revocation and non-renewal.
"Amendments"	9.	<b><u>AMENDMENTS</u></b>
	9.1	The MCK reserves the right to amend the ATV/ATC law by resolution of MCK council.
"History"	10.	<b><u>HISTORY</u></b>
	10.1	Origin Enacted by MCR # 07/2004-2005 on 19 Onerahtókha/ April 2004. Date of Revision 1 <sup>st</sup> Tsothohrkó:wa/January 2008. Amended by MCR # 2/2025-2026 on 9 Ohiaríha/June 2025.