

Off-Road Vehicles

The below listed Nevada statutes and County codes specifically apply to dirt bikes and/or ATVs:

NRS 484A.130 Motor Vehicle Defined: "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle which is self-propelled but not operated upon rails. (Applies to four-wheeled ATVs.)

NRS 484A.135/County Code 50.218 Motorcycle Defined: "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle equipped with a seat or saddle for the use of the driver and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, including a power cycle but excluding a tractor or a moped.

NRS 484A.125 Moped Defined: "Moped" means a motor-driven scooter, motor-driven cycle or similar vehicle that is propelled by a small engine which produces not more than 2 gross brake horsepower, has a displacement of not more than 50 cubic centimeters or produces not more than 1500 watts final output, and:

1. Is designed to travel on not more than 3 wheels in contact with the ground but is not a tractor; and;
2. Is capable of maximum speed of not more than 30 miles per hour on a flat surface with not more than 1 percent grade in any direction when the motor is engaged.

NRS 482.545 Unregistered Vehicle: It is unlawful for any person to operate an unregistered vehicle on any state highway or county roadway.

NRS 483.550 Drive w/o A Valid License: No person may operate a motor vehicle on a state highway or county roadway without possessing a valid driver's license.

NRS 484B.600 Basic Speed Law: It is unlawful for any person to drive or operate a vehicle of any kind or character at:

1. A rate of speed greater than is reasonable or proper, having due regard for the traffic, surface, width, weather, and other highway conditions.
2. The traffic laws of the State apply to all motor vehicles, including ATVs and dirt bikes.

NRS 484C.110 DUI: It is unlawful for any person who is under the influence to drive a vehicle on a highway or premises to which the public has access.

County Code 50.220 "Off-road vehicle area" defined

1. "Off-road vehicle area" means any real property in the unincorporated area of the county, other than a dedicated street, private street or road authorized by a public agency for recreational vehicle use, where riders of motorcycles or off-road vehicles drive their vehicles for recreational purposes.

County Code 50.224 Unlawful Acts:

1. It is unlawful to operate a motorcycle or an off-road vehicle on public or private land within 1,000 feet of any residence owned or occupied by another, unless for:
 - (a) Purposes of ingress onto or egress from the operator's property; or
 - (b) Traditional use for property maintenance or on property actively used primarily for farming; or
 - (c) Operation of a lawful vehicle on public streets and highways; or
 - (d) The official business of the military, fire, emergency or law enforcement.
2. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to permit any motorcycle or off-road vehicle to be driven so as to disturb the peace and quiet of any neighborhood.
3. Off-road vehicle courses are allowed only as authorized in chapter 110 of this code.

County Code 50.226 Penalty:

Any person who violates any of the provisions of sections 50.216 to 50.226, exclusive, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.

NRS 490.043 "Large all-terrain vehicle" defined. "Large all-terrain vehicle" means any all-terrain vehicle that includes seating capacity for at least two people abreast and:

1. Total seating capacity for at least four people; or
2. A truck bed.

(Added to NRS by 2013, 704)



Off-Highway Vehicles

NRS 490.060 "Off-highway vehicle" defined.

1. "Off-highway vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is designed primarily for off-highway and all-terrain use. The term includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) An all-terrain vehicle, including, without limitation, a large all-terrain vehicle without regard to whether that large all-terrain vehicle is registered by the Department in accordance with NRS 490.0825 as a motor vehicle intended to be operated upon the highways of this State;
- (b) An all-terrain motorcycle;
- (c) A dune buggy;
- (d) A snowmobile; and
- (e) Any motor vehicle used on public lands for the purpose of recreation.



NRS 490.0825 Large all-terrain vehicle: Alternative registration; requirement for insurance; documents required.

1. Upon the request of an owner of a large all-terrain vehicle, the Department shall register the large all-terrain vehicle to operate on the roads specified in NRS 490.105.
2. The owner of a large all-terrain vehicle wishing to apply for registration or renewal of registration pursuant to this section must obtain and maintain insurance on the vehicle that meets the requirements of NRS 485.185.
3. If an owner of a large all-terrain vehicle applies to the Department for the registration of the vehicle pursuant to this section, the owner shall submit to the Department:
 - (a) The information required for registration pursuant to NRS 490.082;
 - (b) The fee for registration required pursuant to NRS 490.084; State which meets the requirements of NRS 485.185; and
 - (c) Proof satisfactory to the Department that the applicant carries insurance on the vehicle provided by an insurance company licensed by the Division of Insurance of the Department of Business and Industry and approved to do business in this State which meets the requirements of NRS 485.185; and
 - (d) A declaration signed by the applicant that he or she will maintain the insurance required by this section during the period of registration.(Added to NRS by 2013, 704)

NRS 490.090 Operation on undesignated paved highways generally prohibited; exceptions; operation on public land, trails, ways or unpaved county roads authorized unless prohibited by governmental entity having jurisdiction; authority of governmental entities having jurisdiction to distribute information concerning prohibited areas and to erect signs designating prohibited areas. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 490.100 or 490.110:

1. A person shall not, except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 3, operate an off-highway vehicle on a paved highway that is not otherwise designated for use by off-highway vehicles.
2. A person may operate an off-highway vehicle on a paved highway that is not otherwise designated for use by off-highway vehicles:
 - (a) If the off-highway vehicle is operated on the highway for the purpose of crossing the highway, comes to a complete stop before crossing and crosses as close as practicable to perpendicular to the direction of travel on the highway;
 - (b) If the off-highway vehicle is operated on the highway for the purpose of loading or unloading the off-highway vehicle onto or off of another vehicle or trailer, if the loading or unloading is as close as practicable to the place of operation of the off-highway vehicle;
 - (c) During an emergency if it is impossible or impracticable to use another vehicle or if a peace officer directs the operation of the off-highway vehicle; or
 - (d) If the off-highway vehicle is operated on a portion of a highway that is designated as a trail connector for a trail authorized for use by off-highway vehicles for not more than 2 miles.
3. A person may operate an off-highway vehicle on any public land, trail, way or unpaved county road unless prohibited by the governmental entity which has jurisdiction over the public land, trail, way or unpaved county road.
 4. A governmental entity specified in subsection 3 may:
 - (a) Prepare and distribute upon request a map or other document setting forth each area of public land, trail, way or unpaved county road that is prohibited for the operation of off-highway vehicles; and
 - (b) Erect and maintain signs designating each area of public land, trail, way or unpaved county road that is prohibited for the operation of off-highway vehicles.(Added to NRS by 2005, 2027)

NRS 490.100 Authority of city or county to designate portion of highway for off-highway vehicle use; approval of Department of Transportation regarding state highways; interstate highways excluded; supervision of certain minors; limitation on purpose of use.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a city or county may designate any portion of a highway within the city or county as permissible for the operation of off-highway vehicles for the purpose of allowing off-highway vehicles to reach a private or public area that is open for use by off-highway vehicles. If a city or county designates any portion of a state highway as permissible for the operation of off-highway vehicles pursuant to this subsection, the city or county must obtain approval for the designation from the Department of Transportation. The Department of Transportation shall issue a timely decision concerning the request for approval and must not unreasonably deny the request.

2. The highway designated for operation of off-highway vehicles pursuant to subsection 1 may not consist of any portion of an interstate highway.

70.074 "Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs)" defined.

1. "OHV" means a motor vehicle that is designed primarily for off-highway and all-terrain use, includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) An all-terrain vehicle;
- (b) An all-terrain motorcycle; (c) A dune buggy;
- (d) Utility Terrain Vehicles; (e) A snowmobile; and
- (f) Any motor vehicle used on public lands for the purpose of recreation.

2. The term does not include:

- (a) A motor vehicle designed primarily for use in water;
- (b) A motor vehicle that is registered by the Department of Motor Vehicles; or
- (c) A low-speed vehicle as defined in NRS 484B.637

70.3861 Adoption of State laws regarding Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs).

1. These sections of the Washoe County Code are enacted to harmonize with and to supplement laws relating to OHVs expressed at NRS 490.090 through 490.130. Those provisions of state law in NRS Chapter 490 and the regulations contained in Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 490 adopted into the Washoe County Code by reference

2. It is the intent of the board of county commissioners that the state laws so adopted and ordinances hereby enacted shall apply to all county highways designated below in the unincorporated areas of Washoe County and apply to those state highways in the unincorporated areas of Washoe County permitted, in the future, by the Nevada Department of Transportation.

70.3862 Designation of County and State highways or portion thereof for use with limitation on purpose of use.

The Washoe Board of County Commission hereby designates all county highways and portions thereof with a posted speed limit of 35 miles an hour or less in unincorporated areas of Washoe County for the operation and use of OHVs for the purpose of said vehicles to reach a private or public area that is open for use by OHVs. In addition, Washoe County, in accordance with NRS 490.100, hereby designates all of the state highways or portions thereof in unincorporated areas of Washoe County, designated now or designated in the future by the Department of Transportation, for the use and operation of OHVs. None of the highways designated for operation of OHVs are intended to include any portion of an interstate highway. The operator of an OHV on properly designated paved highways within the unincorporated areas of Washoe County must comply with all of the applicable traffic laws of the State of Nevada and of Washoe County.

70.3866 Penalties.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter regarding the ownership, operation or use of OHVs is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished in accordance with NRS 125.090. Any person who appears in the proper court to answer to such misdemeanor citation is a separate offense.

70.185 "Vehicle" defined.

"Vehicle" means every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported upon a highway, except devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rail vehicle, as it is used in the Washoe County Code, includes "OHVs" being operated on designated state highways within the unincorporated areas of Washoe County.



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253 Definitions: As used in NRS 202.253 to NRS

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ve or incendiary device" means any explosive or incendiary material or substance that has been d, altered, packaged or arranged in such a manner that its ordinary use would cause destruction o life or property.

" means any device designed to be used as a weapon from which a projectile may be expelled e barrel by the force of any explosion or other form of combustion.

capable of being concealed upon the person" applies to and includes all firearms having a barrel 2 inches in length.

vehicle" means every vehicle that is self-propelled

300 Use or possession of firearm by child under age of 18 years; unlawful to aid or permit child t violation; penalties; child 14 years of age or older authorized to possess firearm under certain nces.

as otherwise provided in this section, a child under the age of 18 years shall not handle or have in sion or under his control, except while accompanied by or under the immediate charge of his guardian or an adult person authorized by his parent or guardian to have control or custody of any firearm of any kind for hunting or target practice or for other purposes. A child who violates ction commits a delinquent act and the court may order the detention of the child in the same s if the child had committed an act that would have been a felony if committed by an adult.

erson violating any of the provisions of subsection 1, or aiding or knowingly permitting any such violate the same, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Code 50.092 Unlawful Discharge of Firearms;

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awful for any person to discharge:

n, pistol, rifle, shotgun or other firearm in, on

any county road or highway.

n, pistol, rifle or other firearm, with the exception of shotguns, air rifles or B-B guns, within 5,000

y dwelling occupied by another person or persons.

otgun, air rifle, or B-B gun within 1,000 feet of

ing occupied by another person or persons.

n, pistol, rifle, shotgun or other firearm within

ested area of the county.

ction does not apply to peace officers nor to persons shooting in any regularly established and uthorized and licensed rifle range, gun club, or shooting gallery nor to any person lawfully ng a firearm in protection of life or property.

.165 Carrying loaded rifle or shotgun in or on vehicle on or along public way unlawful; exceptions.

awful to carry a loaded rifle or loaded shotgun in or on any vehicle which is standing on or along,

g driven on or along, any public highway or any other way open to the public.

or shotgun is loaded, for the purposes of this section, when there is an unexpended cartridge or

ne firing chamber; but not when the only cartridges or shells are in the magazine.

Code 50.162 Nighttime shooting and spotlight hunting prohibited.

s otherwise authorized by law, it is unlawful for any

o discharge a firearm of any kind between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before

or shine a spotlight between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise for the

of hunting a wild animal in the unincorporated areas of the county.



All Terrain Vehicles, Off Highway
Vehicles, and Firearms Laws

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