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Subject: ATV/UTV Usage in Dyersville

I am writing to let you know Wes and Kristi Burkle 100% support UTV's/ATV's in the City of Dyersville.

I read the article in the paper stating that the mayor and council members are hearing from people who do not support passing this ordinance in Dyersville, honestly I have spoken to many people about this subject and I have not heard one person say they wouldn't be in favor of passing this ordinance. This includes people who own UTV's but also people who do not own this type of vehicle. I believe the long list of signed petitions support my statement.

If bicycles with no blinkers/lights and do not move at the speed of traffic along with mopeds with inexperienced 14/15 year old drivers are allowed on our city streets (including 136) I cannot see why a more expensive, safer vehicle with more experienced drivers are not allowed to drive down the same streets.

Our business's need our support and more importantly your support, they are dying! Country Junction, CLOSED! Joes Diner, CLOSED! Hardees, CLOSED! Pizza Hut, CLOSED! English Pub, CLOSED!! I am not sure which business is next but I bet there will be more. We need this to pass so our current business's stay in business and new business's open up. If we do not have places for people to eat/drink/shop they will continue to drive right by Dyersville and hit the next town where there is somewhere good to go. I see this happening with snowmobiling too! The snowmobilers are not coming to Dyersville. Ask Tom Olberding at Textile, he never see's snowmobilers at his business....why is that? They go to Farley, Holy Cross, Worthington, Cascade, Bernard and Petersburg. They aren't coming to Dyersville and its sad.

For some to say there will be too much traffic in town....come on, isn't that a good thing for our town?

Please consider passing this ordinance for the good of our town. There are always going to be a few people in every community who will find the negative in every situation but if the main negative reason is that there will be too much traffic then I would hope you could see the positive from having too much traffic.

If you want to start with passing something please start with UTV's, they are like driving a jeep, they are very safe. They are registered, insured and include seat belts, lights, blinkers, flags, doors, etc). I would also support a limited route thru town but I would hope this route would include HWY 136 from Olde Castle Rd to the beltline. Many business's are located on this road and currently mopeds are allow to drive freely down 136 so why not UTV's?

Thanks for your time,

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