

UCO 2.20.090 MAYORAL VETO

Ordinance 2024-15 Allowing All Purpose Vehicles on Unalaska's Roadways

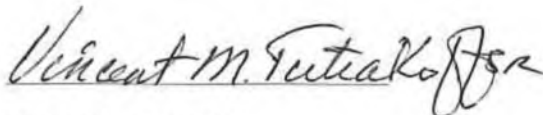
January 16, 2025

Per UCO 2.20.090(A), I hereby veto Ordinance 2024-15, which passed at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Unalaska City Council on Tuesday January 14, 2025, and amends Title 14 of the Unalaska Code of Ordinances regulating the use of off-road or all-purpose vehicles within city limits. The amendment allows all-terrain vehicles (ATV) and utility terrain vehicles (UTV) to be driven on public roadways. I veto Ordinance 2024-15 for the following reasons:

1. Public safety: These vehicles are not a good fit for the city roadways and the industrial traffic.
2. Public safety: The Police Department is not prepared for the influx of ATV use on public roads.
3. Private property: The ordinance will result in more unauthorized off-roading on private land, despite the \$1,000 fine. I believe the penalty is reasonable. However, enforcement will unduly burden property owners, requiring their increased vigilance in monitoring their lands, gathering evidence of trespassing, and then working with city code enforcement to prove who has trespassed.

I would be more comfortable if the public weighed in on this matter. I would support a resolution to place the matter of this code amendment on the ballot at the next municipal election.

Signed,



Vincent Tutiakoff Jr.
Mayor