



TOWNSHIP OF ESSA MEDIA RELEASE

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FROM: TOWNSHIP OF ESSA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

DATE: June 18, 2021

RE: DIRT BIKES IN ESSA TOWNSHIP

June 18, 2021 - The Township of Essa would like to remind dirt bike enthusiasts that dirt bikes equipped with a green and white license plate or no licence plate are **not** permitted to be driven on roadways, sidewalks, parks, community centres, schools, conservation areas and trails that are under municipal jurisdiction. The green licence plate is to be mounted on the front of the vehicle. Drivers of a vehicle equipped with a green licence plate must possess an M class licence to cross over any highway.

Dirt bikes that are equipped with a blue and white street license plate can ride on the roadway and trails (with valid trail permit). Such drivers are required to hold a valid Class M1, M2 or M Drivers License, and as well, are required to obey and follow ALL rules of the road in accordance with the [Highway Traffic Act](#) (HTA). The blue street plate is to be mounted on the rear of the motorcycle.

Where can you legally ride a dirt bike with a green and white licence plate?

- On private property with written permission from the owner
- On trails that are designated for such use through the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders (OFTR). A valid permit is required to be obtained to legally use these trails and can be obtained through OFTR. For more information, visit www.OFTR.ca
- NOT on any municipally owned roads, sidewalks, greenspaces or parks

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- All roadways, riders must obey and follow ALL rules of the road in accordance with the [Highway Traffic Act](#) (HTA).

In order to legally ride within public riding areas, the following is mandatory:

- Green or blue license plate correctly mounted
- Insured in accordance with section 2 of the [Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act](#) and section 15 of the [Off-Roads Vehicles Act](#)
- Registration (ownership)
- Trail permit sticker (OFTR)
- Wear a Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) approved or equivalent helmet that complies with section 19 of the [Off-Road Vehicles Act](#)

Be considerate, be safe and ride legal

**All complaints concerning Dirt Bikes, ATV's or ORV can be directed to the Nottawasaga OPP
OPP Non-Emergency 1(888) 310-1122 in an emergency please dial 911**