

**AGENDA ITEM**  
October 18, 2022

Subject: Golf Carts and UTV on City Streets

Department: Administration

This Ordinance will allow Golf Carts on City streets under certain conditions and requires registration with the Nevada Police Department.

**A GENERAL ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI AMENDING CHAPTER 19 OF THE CODE BY ADDING SECTION 19-206 DEFINITIONS, 19-207 GOLF CARTS, AND 19-208 REGISTRATION TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEVADA MISSOURI.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI THAT:**

**Section 1.** The following provision is hereby adopted as Section 19-206, 19-207, and 19-208 of the Code of the City of Nevada, Missouri:

**SEC. 19-206.- DEFINITIONS**

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- a. Golf cart means a motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 miles per hour. RSMo 304.034(3).

**SEC. 19-207.- GOLF CARTS**

- a. A golf cart shall not be operated at any time on any state or federal highway but may be operated upon such highway in order to cross a portion of the state highway system which intersects a municipal street. No golf cart shall cross any highway at an intersection where the highway being crossed has posted speed limit of more than 45 miles per hour.
- b. A person operating a golf cart on a city street shall have a valid operator's driver's license.
- c. The operator of a golf cart is required to obey all the same traffic laws as an operator of a motor vehicle and all other applicable municipal ordinances.
- d. No person shall operate a golf cart as defined in this article on any city street:
  1. That has a posted speed limit greater than 35 miles per hour.
  2. In excess of the posted speed limit, but under no circumstance shall the golf cart be operated in excess of 20 miles per hour.
  3. In any careless way so as to endanger a person or property of another.
  4. While under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance.
  5. Without proof of financial responsibility in accordance with RSMo 303.160 or maintain any other insurance policy providing equivalent liability coverage for a golf cart. If stopped, the operator of the golf cart will be required to show proof of insurance coverage.

6. With a passenger or rider, unless the golf cart is designed for passengers or riders; provided, however, that in no event shall the operator allow more passengers than the number of seats or passenger allowance is for the golf cart.
  7. No person under eighteen (18) years of age shall operate any golf cart on any public street or alley.
  8. No golf cart shall be operated on any sidewalk, path or walkway designated for use by pedestrians or operators of non-motorized vehicles.
- e. Every golf cart operated on a city street within the city shall have the following equipment:
1. A lighted headlamp and tail lamp which shall be in operation at any time from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise or as otherwise specified in RSMo 307.020 (definition of "when lighted lamps are required").
  2. The headlamp shall be mounted at the same level on each side of the front of the vehicle and the tail lamp, red in color, shall be mounted at the same level on each of the rear of the vehicle.
  3. A braking system maintained in good operating condition.
  4. A bicycle safety flag which extends not less than seven feet above the ground, attached to the rear of the vehicle. The bicycle safety flag shall be triangular with an area of not less than 30 square inches and shall be day-glow in color.

#### **SEC.19-207.- REGISTRATION**

- a. Golf carts operating on public streets under the jurisdiction of the City of Nevada shall be inspected and registered with the Nevada Police Department.
- b. The Chief of Police, or their authorized designee, shall hereby be designated as the City Official with the authority to issue special use permits for golf carts within the City and a fifteen (\$15.00) fee shall be collected by the official upon issuance of the permit. No permit shall be issued until the fee is paid. The permit shall be valid for one (1) year.
- c. Each application for registration shall include:
  1. Basic identifying information for the vehicle (make, model, color and such other identifying information as the City Clerk deems advisable);
  2. The name and address of the owner of the vehicle.
  3. A copy of proof of financial responsibility.
  4. A proof of registration issued by the City of Nevada in the form of a receipt for registration and an identification sticker shall constitute all permits required from the City of Nevada. The proof of registration shall be kept in the vehicle at all times of operation on a

public street, and the current registration sticker shall be  
conspicuously displayed on the exterior of the vehicle.

**Section 2:** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, adoption  
and approval.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Nevada,  
Missouri, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of November 2022.

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GEORGE C. KNOX, MAYOR

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ATTEST:

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CYNTHIA DYE, INTERIM CITY CLERK