

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-O-007**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND OPERATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD GOLF CARTS AND UTV VEHICLES UPON CITY STREETS**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: THAT THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY ADOPTED AS CHAPTER 28 TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES ARTICLE 15 REGULATION AND OPERATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD GOLF CARTS AND UTV VEHICLES UPON CITY STREETS:

**Section 28-270.**

“Definitions.

A. For purposes of this chapter, the term “Neighborhood Golf Cart” shall have the definition as currently defined in Section 1-123.9 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, 625 ILCS 5/1426.1, and shall be equipped with all safety systems and equipment as required by said statute, and is equipped with safety equipment required by Section 28-272 below.

B. For purposes of this chapter, the term “utility task vehicle(“UTV”), shall have the definition as currently defined in Section 1-168.8 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, 625 ILCS 5/1426.1, and shall be equipped with all safety systems and equipment as required by said statute, and is equipped with safety equipment required by Section 28-272 below. All-terrain vehicles are not considered UTVs.

**Section 28-271. Limitation on Operation.** Subject to the limitations set forth in this chapter, any person eighteen (18) years of age or above with a valid driver’s license may operate a golf cart or UTV on any street or highway under the jurisdiction of the City. This section shall not be construed as granting permission for any person operating a golf cart or UTV to drive upon or cross any street or highway under the jurisdiction of Morgan County, or to drive upon or cross any street or highway under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation. Any crossing of Morton Avenue, Walnut Street, or Main Street will be safely completed at intersections with lights or stop signs as allowed by the Illinois Vehicle Code. No golf cart or UTV may be operated on Morton Avenue, Main Street, or Walnut.

**Section 28-272. Required Equipment.** No golf cart or UTV may be operated on a street or highway under the jurisdiction of the City unless, at a minimum, it has the following safety equipment:

- A. Brakes;
- B. Steering wheel apparatus;

- C. Tires;
- D. Rearview mirror;
- E. Red reflector warning devices on the front and rear
- F. A slow moving emblem (as required of other vehicles at 625 ILCS 12-709 on the rear of the golf cart);
- G. A headlight that emits a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the front;
- H. A tail lamp that emits a red light visible from a distance of at least one hundred feet from the rear;
- I. Brake lights on the rear of the vehicle;
- J. Windshield
- K. Horn
- L. Turn signals; and
- M. Seatbelts

**Section 28-273. Applicable Regulations.** When on a street under the jurisdiction of the City, a golf cart or UTV shall be operated in accordance with the following regulations:

- A. The golf cart or UTV shall have its headlights and tail lamps lighted at all times.
- B. Any person operating a golf cart or UTV as authorized in this chapter shall travel on the street in the same direction as traffic and as near to the right side of the roadway, as possible.
- C. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, any person operating a golf cart or UTV on streets under the jurisdiction of the City shall obey any and all traffic regulations set forth either in the City of Jacksonville Code or in the Illinois Vehicle Code.
- D. The applicant and all operators must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and passengers must be at least eight (8) years of age.
- E. Any golf cart or UTV operated within the City must acquire and display on the vehicle an inspection/permit sticker from the City Clerk's office after the golf cart or UTV has passed an inspection by the Jacksonville Police Department. The annual cost for said inspection/permit sticker shall be \$100.00.

**Section 28-274. Permit Required.**

- A. No person shall operate a golf cart or UTV within the City of Jacksonville without first obtaining an inspection sticker/permit. Permits shall expire on April 30 of each year. Applications for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the City, shall be executed by the applicant and shall contain the following information:

1. Name and address of applicant.
2. Name of liability insurance carrier and policy number.
3. The serial number, make, model and description of golf cart or UTV.
4. Such other information as the City may require.

B. No permit shall be granted unless the vehicle has been inspected and approved by the Jacksonville Police Department as follows:

1. The applicant must provide evidence of insurance in compliance with the provisions of the Illinois Statutes regarding minimum liability insurance for passenger motor vehicles to be operated on the roads of the State of Illinois;
2. The applicant must provide a copy of their driver's license.
3. Any additional information the Jacksonville Police Department may require.

C. Permits may be renewed upon demonstration of compliance with the requirements for initial issuance of a permit and the payments of the permit fee.

**Section 28-275. Penalty.**

A. The violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00, or revocation of the permit issued hereunder, or both. Upon investigation by and the recommendation of the Jacksonville Police Department, the City may suspend or revoke a permit granted hereunder upon a finding that there is evidence that the permittee cannot safely operate the golf cart or UTV on designated streets.

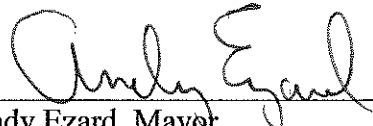
All Ordinances or portions thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2: That all ordinances, parts of ordinances, and amendments to ordinances in conflict with any provision of this ordinance are repealed as of the effective date hereof.

SECTION 3: That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten (10) days after its passage approval and publication as required by law.

SECTION 4: That the City Clerk is hereby instructed to publish this ordinance in pamphlet form.

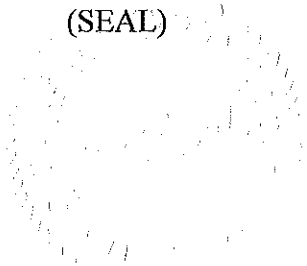
PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

  
Andy Ezard, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Skip Bradshaw, City Clerk

(SEAL)



**VOTES DESIGNATED:**

Alderman Cook	<u>N</u>
Alderman Hopkins	<u>Y</u>
Alderman Oldenettel	<u>Y</u>
Alderman Patterson	<u>Y</u>
Alderman Richardson	<u>Y</u>
Alderman Scott	<u>Y</u>
Alderman Tomhave	<u>N</u>
Alderman Wankel	<u>A</u>
Alderman Warmowski	<u>Y</u>
Alderman Williams	<u>Y</u>

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