

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
ORDINANCE NO. 927
2nd SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE BY AMENDING
SECTION 7.20 TO REGULATE SPECIAL VEHICLES

The City Council of Alexandria, Minnesota ordains:

That Alexandria City Code Section 7.20, as currently written, shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

7.20 SPECIAL VEHICLES: MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS, UTILITY TASK VEHICLES, CLASS 1 ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, AND MINI-TRUCKS.

Subd. 1. Purpose and Intent. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide reasonable regulations for the use of special vehicles on streets and public property in the City of Alexandria. This ordinance is not intended to allow what Minnesota law prohibits or to prohibit what Minnesota law expressly allows. This ordinance is not intended to regulate special vehicles used exclusively on private property provided, however, any special vehicle making any use of public property or streets are still subject to the requirements of this ordinance.

Subd. 2 A. No person shall operate a motorized golf cart, utility task vehicle, all-terrain vehicle, or mini-truck on streets, alleys, sidewalks or other public property without obtaining a permit as provided herein. The permit must be in the operator's possession at all times while operating the vehicle, and shall be produced on demand of a peace officer. An electronic copy or photograph of a permit is sufficient so long as the original has not been revoked or suspended under subdivision 2.L. No permit shall be granted for the operation of a class 1 all-terrain vehicle as defined by Minn. Stat. § 84.92, Subd. 9 (commonly referred to as a "four-wheeler" with a seat that is straddled by the operator).

B. Application. Every application for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the city and shall contain all of the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the applicant.
- (2) Current valid driver's license or reason for not having a current license.
- (3) Proof of insurance as required by this ordinance.
- (4) Other information as the City Council may require.

C. Application Fee. The permit fee shall be set by ordinance of the City Council.

D. Length of Permit. Permits shall be granted for a period of three years and may be renewed.

E. No permit shall be granted or renewed unless the following conditions are met:

- (1) The applicant must demonstrate that he or she currently holds a valid Minnesota driver's license to operate a mini-truck.
- (2) The applicant must be at least 16 years of age.
- (3) The applicant may be required to submit a certificate signed by a physician that the applicant is able to safely operate a motorized golf cart, utility task vehicle or all-terrain vehicle on the roadways designated. Physician certification may be required for applicants without a valid driver's license or with medical restrictions on their driver's license.
- (4) The applicant must provide evidence of insurance in compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes concerning insurance coverage for the golf cart, utility task vehicle, all-terrain vehicle, or mini-truck.
- (5) The applicant has not had his or her driver's license revoked, suspended, or canceled as the result of criminal proceedings.

F. Designated Roadways. Motorized golf carts, utility task vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, and mini-trucks may be operated by a permit holder on city streets, county highways, and county state-aid highways within city limits. Motorized golf carts, utility task vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, and mini-trucks are not permitted to operate on state or federal highways within the city, except to cross at designated intersections.

G. Crossing prohibited roadways. The operator of a motorized golf cart, utility task

vehicle, all-terrain vehicle, or mini-truck may cross any state or federal highway intersecting city streets, county highways, and county state-aid highways within city limits. Any such crossing must be made perpendicular to the street or highway being crossed.

H. Times of Operation. Motorized golf carts, utility task vehicles and all-terrain vehicles may only be operated on designated roadways from sunrise to sunset, unless equipped with original equipment headlights, taillights, and rear-facing brake lights. They shall not be operated in inclement weather conditions or at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.

I. Slow-moving Vehicle Emblem. Motorized golf carts shall display the slow-moving vehicle emblem provided for in Minn. Stat. § 169.045, as it may be amended from time to time, when operated on designated roadways.

J. Permit Exceptions.

- (1) Special events conducted by individuals or organizations are exempt from the requirements of Subdivision 2 if a Special Event Permit has been issued for the event by the City Council and the application for the event permit indicates the special vehicles that will be used during the event.
- (2) Authorized city staff may operate city owned motorized golf carts, all terrain vehicles, utility task vehicles, and mini-trucks without obtaining a permit within the city on city streets, sidewalks, trails, rights-of-way, and public property when conducting city business.

K. Application of Traffic Laws. Every person operating a motorized golf cart, a utility task vehicle, an all-terrain vehicle, or a mini-truck under permit on designated roadways has all the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under the provisions of Minn. Stat. ch. 169, as it may be amended from time to time, except when these provisions cannot reasonably be applied to motorized golf carts or mini-trucks and except as otherwise specifically provided in Minn. Stat. § 169.045, subd.7, as it may be amended from time to time.

L. Revocation of Permit. The City Council may suspend or revoke a permit granted hereunder upon a finding that the holder thereof has violated any of the provisions of this section or Minn. Stat. ch. 169, as they may be amended from time to time, or if there is evidence that the permit holder cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart, utility task vehicle, all-terrain vehicle, or mini-truck on the designated roadways.

M. The number of occupants on the golf cart, utility task vehicle, all-terrain vehicle, or mini-truck may not exceed the manufacturer's design occupant load.

N. Any person whose application for a permit hereunder has been denied or whose permit issued hereunder has been revoked or suspended may appeal said denial, revocation, or suspension to the Alexandria City Council pursuant to City Code § 2.36.

Subd. 3 For the purpose of this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

- A. *DRIVER.* The person driving and having physical control over the motorized golf cart, utility task vehicle, all-terrain vehicle, or mini-truck and being the licensee.
- B. *MOTORIZED GOLF CART* Any passenger conveyance being driven with four wheels with four low-pressure tires that is limited in engine displacement of less than 800 cubic centimeters and total dry weight less than 800 pounds.
- C. *ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE.* As defined by Minn. Stat. § 84.92, Subd. 8, a motorized vehicle with: (1) not less than three, but not more than six low pressure or non-pneumatic tires; (2) a total dry weight of 2,000 pounds or less; and (3) a total width from outside of tire rim to outside of tire rim that is over 50 inches but no more than 65 inches . "All-Terrain Vehicle" does not include a class 1 all-terrain vehicle as defined by Minn. Stat. § 84.92, Subd. 9 (commonly referred to as a "four-wheeler" with a seat that is straddled by the operator); an electric-assisted bicycle as defined in Minn. Stat. § 169.011, Subd. 27; golf cart; mini-truck; dune buggy; go-cart; or a vehicle designed and used specifically for lawn maintenance, agriculture, logging, or mining purposes.

D. *UTILITY TASK VEHICLE*. As defined by Minn. Stat. § 169.045, subd. 1 (3), a side-by-side, four-wheel drive, off-road vehicle that has four wheels, is propelled by an internal combustion engine with a piston displacement capacity of 1,200 cubic centimeters or less, and has a total dry weight of 1,800 but less than 2,600 pounds.

E. *MINI-TRUCK*. As defined in Minn. Stat. § 169.011, subd. 40(a), a motor vehicle that has four wheels; is propelled by an electric motor with a rated power of 7,500 watts or less or an internal combustion engine with a piston displacement capacity of 660 cubic centimeters or less; has a total dry weight of 900 to 2,200 pounds; contains an enclosed cabin and a seat for the vehicle operator; commonly resembles a pickup truck or van, including a cargo area or bed located at the rear of the vehicle; and was not originally manufactured to meet federal motor vehicle safety standards required of motor vehicles in the Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, sections 571.101 to 571.404, and successor requirements. A mini-truck does not include: a neighborhood electric vehicle or a medium-speed electric vehicle; or a motor vehicle that meets or exceeds the regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 571.500, as it may be amended from time to time.

Subd. 4 Helmet and Seatbelts Required.

- A. A person less than 18 years of age shall not ride as a passenger or as an operator of an all-terrain vehicle or utility task vehicle regulated herein unless wearing a safety helmet approved by Minnesota's Commissioner of Public Safety.
- B. A person less than 18 years of age shall not ride as a passenger or as an operator of an all-terrain vehicle or utility task vehicle regulated herein without wearing a seat belt when such seat belt has been provided by the manufacturer.

Subd. 5. Passengers. No person under 18 years of age shall operate an all-terrain vehicle or utility task vehicle while carrying a passenger. This prohibition applies to all all-terrain vehicles regardless of class. A person 18 years of age or older may operate a class 2 all-terrain vehicle while carrying one or more passengers provided, however, that there shall be no more passengers than the vehicle was designed to carry.

Subd. 6 Required Equipment

A. Rear View Mirror. Motorized golf carts, utility task vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, and mini-trucks shall be equipped with a rear-view mirror to provide the driver with adequate vision from behind as required by Minn. Stat. § 169.70.

B. Mini-truck equipment requirements:

- (1) A mini-truck may be operated under permit on designated roadways if it is equipped with all of the following:
 - (a) At least two headlamps.
 - (b) At least two tail lamps.
 - (c) Front and rear turn-signal lamps.
 - (d) An exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or an interior mirror.
 - (e) A windshield.
 - (f) A seat belt for the driver and front passenger.
 - (g) A parking brake.

Subd. 7 Insurance. At all times when operating a vehicle subject to this ordinance, the driver must have in possession evidence of insurance complying with the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 65B.48, subdivision 5.

Subd. 8 False/Fictitious/Altered Documents. Any driver of a vehicle regulated by this ordinance who, upon demand by a law enforcement officer, provides a false, fictitious or altered permit; false, fictitious or altered proof of insurance; or who provides a permit or an electronic copy of a permit after the City has sent notice of cancellation or suspension of the permit under Subd. 2.L shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 9 Penalty. Any person who violates this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

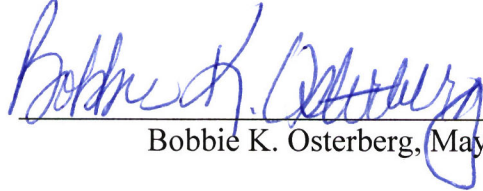
This Ordinance shall be in full force upon its final passage and publication.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Alexandria this 23rd day of June 2025, by the following vote:

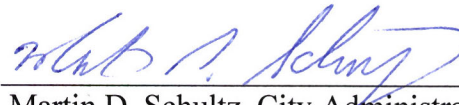
YES: FRANZEN, THALMAN, ALLEN, KVALE

NO: NONE

ABSENT: MACE



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ATTEST: 
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