

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, ADDING CHAPTER 372, GOLF CART AND LOW SPEED VEHICLE (LSV) OPERATION ON CITY STREETS

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, MISSOURI, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 372, Golf Cart and Low Speed Vehicle Operation on City Streets, is hereby added in its entirety to read as follows:

**Chapter 372 Golf Carts and Low-Speed Motorized Vehicles Operation on City Streets**

**Section 372.100 Definitions**

**Golf cart** Any vehicle propelled by an electric or gas engine with no less than three wheels in contact with the ground 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 thirty (30) miles per hour. Motor vehicles classified as all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) or off-road vehicles are expressly excluded from the definition for purposes of this section.

**Low-speed motorized vehicle (LSV)** Any small three or four-wheeled motor vehicle with gross vehicle weight rated of less than 3,000 pounds with a minimum speed of 20 mph and maximum speed of 25 mph and otherwise meeting the requirements of Section 304.029 RSMo. and the requirements of 49 CFR 571.500 and 571.3. Low-speed vehicle does not include electric personal assistive mobility devices (EPAMD) as per section 307.205 RSMo.

**Section 372.200 Regulations for operations of Golf Carts and Low-Speed Motorized Vehicles on City Streets**

- A. Each person operating a golf cart or LSV on a city street in this city shall possess a valid driver's license issued pursuant to RSMo ch. 302.
- B. A golf cart or LSV shall be exempt from the requirement of 307.350 to 307.402 RSMo , for the purpose of titling and registration. It shall be the responsibility of the operator and owner to comply with any State titling or registration requirements.

- C. Every operator of a golf cart or LSV shall maintain motor vehicle liability insurance on such a vehicle as required by Ch. 303 RSMo , if the golf cart or LSV is to be operated upon the streets of the City of Richmond Heights
- D. All golf carts and LSV shall be manufactured in compliance with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) standards for low-speed vehicles in 49 CFR 571.500 as amended if the golf cart is to be operated upon the streets of the City of Richmond Heights
- E. Each golf cart or LSV that is to be operated on the city streets, shall be equipped with properly operating:
  - 1. A rear view mirror, whether mounted on the exterior of the driver's side of the golf cart or LSV, or an interior rear view mirror,
  - 2. A parking brake and functioning brake system,
  - 3. Minimum of one white Headlight
  - 4. Minimum of one red stop or brake light,
  - 5. Reflex reflectors: one red on each side as far to the rear as practicable, and one red on the rear,
  - 6. front and rear turn signal lights,
  - 7. Seatbelts for each designated seating position, whether occupied or not
  - 8. A vehicle identification number (VIN)
- F. No golf cart or LSV shall:
  - 1. Be operated upon any private property without permission of the owner.
  - 2. Be operated in a "negligent manner" defined as operation in such a manner as to endanger any person or property, or to obstruct, hinder or impede the lawful course of travel of any other motor vehicle or the lawful use by any pedestrian of public streets, sidewalks, paths, trails, walkways, or parks.
  - 3. Be parked or stopped in any manner as to block a driveway, pathway, sidewalk, trail, pedestrian underpass, or walkway.
  - 4. Be operated by a person under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance not prescribed by a physician.
  - 5. Carry more passengers than the golf cart or LSV is specifically designed to carry.
  - 6. Carry any passengers standing or hanging onto the golf cart or LSV.
  - 7. Be operated upon a City street at a speed of more than twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
- G. Any person lawfully operating a golf cart or LSV shall:
  - 1. Yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian or cyclist; and
  - 2. Give an audible signal before overtaking or passing a pedestrian or cyclist; and
  - 3. Move the golf cart or LSV to the far-right side of the street and yield to all faster moving vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists.

SECTION 2. A violation of this section shall be an offense. The Police Department will have full authority to enforce state and local traffic laws as they apply to the operation of motor vehicles, including, without limitation, the authority to impound a golf cart or LSV in the same

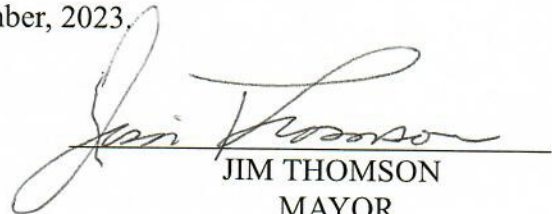


manner that it would impound other motor vehicles upon the violation of applicable state or local traffic laws.

SECTION 3. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that each and every part, section and subsection of this Ordinance shall be separate and severable from each and every other part, section and subsection hereof and that the City Council intends to adopt each said part, section and subsection separately and independently of any other part, section and subsection. In the event that any part of this Ordinance shall be determined to be or to have been unlawful or unconstitutional, the remaining parts, sections and subsections shall be and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on the thirty-first day following its passage and being signed as provided by law.

PASSED and SIGNED this 18th day of September, 2023.

  
JIM THOMSON  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
AMY HAMILTON  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
KENNETH J. HEINZ  
CITY ATTORNEY

First reading: September 5, 2023  
Second reading: September 18, 2023