

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 340 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF LAWSON BY ADDING A NEW SECTION TO ADDRESS THE OPERATION OF UTILITY VEHICLES ON CITY STREETS AND ALLEYS.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LAWSON, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 340 of the Municipal Code of the City of Lawson, Missouri ("Code") shall be amended by adding a new Section, Section 340.125 which reads as follows:

**Section 340.125. Utility Vehicles.**

*A. Definition as used in this Section.*

Utility Vehicle – Any motorized vehicle manufactured and used exclusively for off highway use which is sixty-three inches or less in width, with an unladen dry weight of 1,850 pounds or less, traveling on four or six wheels.

*B. Operation of Utility Vehicles.*

1. No person shall operate a Utility Vehicle as defined in this Section upon the streets and alleys of the City of Lawson, except as follows:
  - a. Utility Vehicles owned and operated by a governmental entity for official use;
  - b. Utility Vehicles owned and operated by a resident of the City on a City street with a valid operator's or chauffeur's license between sunrise and sunset on the day of operation except as provided in Section 2. e, and the vehicle shall be operated at the posted City speed limit and no more than twenty-five (25) miles per hour. Such operator must carry a special permit issued by the City annually. No permit will be issued except on conditions set forth by the City of Lawson, including, but not limited to, a registration fee in the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15.00).
  - c. Notwithstanding other provisions of this ordinance, utility vehicles operated on city streets must comply with safety standards as outlined in 49 C.F.R. 571.500.
2. Any person operating a Utility Vehicle pursuant to this Section shall abide by the following:
  - a. When operated on a City street, a Utility Vehicle without a roof shall have a bicycle safety flag, which extends not less than seven (7) feet above the ground, attached to the rear of the vehicle. The bicycle safety flag shall be triangular in shape with an area of not less than thirty (30) square inches and shall be dayglow in color. If the Utility Vehicle has a roof, a reflective device shall be attached to the rear of the roof.

- b. No person shall operate a Utility Vehicle on any State highway, except to cross a portion of the State highway system which intersects a municipal street. However, no Utility Vehicle shall cross any highway at an intersection where the highway being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than forty-five (45) miles per hour.
- c. The operator of a Utility Vehicle shall not operate such cart in any careless way so as to endanger the person or property of another.
- d. The operator of a Utility Vehicle shall not operate such Utility Vehicle except between the hours of sunrise and sunset, unless the Utility Vehicle is properly equipped with headlights, tail lights, brake lights and turn signals.
- e. The operator of a Utility Vehicle shall not operate such cart while under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance.
- f. The operator of a Utility Vehicle shall comply with all traffic and signage rules and ordinances as the same would apply to motor vehicles.
- g. The operator of a Utility Vehicle must carry insurance coverage on said Utility Vehicle.
- h. Any individual operating a Utility Vehicle with a passenger under the age of seven (7) years must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- i. An operator of a Utility Vehicle may not carry more passengers than the Utility Vehicle it has seats.

C. A violation of this Section shall be an ordinance violation.

SECTION 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

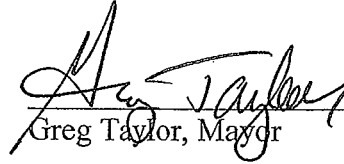
SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

SECTION 4. That should any section, sentence or clause of this Ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, or clauses.

SECTION 5. That the repeal of any ordinance or parts of an ordinance by this Ordinance shall not have any effect on existing litigation and shall not operate as an abatement of any action or proceeding under or by virtue of the repealed ordinance.

Read the first time by title only and approved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Lawson, Missouri, this Missouri this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

Read the second time by title only and passed by the Board of Aldermen and approved by the Mayor of the City of Lawson, Missouri this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

  
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Greg Taylor, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Rhonda Oulman, City Clerk