

Ordinance No. 600

An ordinance amending certain provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 11 of the Akron Municipal Code to all operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility task vehicles within the Town of Akron

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 33-14.5-110 and the Town of Akron's general police power grant the Town of Akron ("Town") the authority to regulate the use of off-highway vehicles, including all-terrain vehicles and utility task vehicles, on the streets within the Town; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 4 of Title 11 of the Akron Municipal Code governs the use of golf carts within the Town; and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Town of Akron ("Board") finds it desirable and proper to amend Chapter 4 of Title 11 of the Akron Municipal Code to allow the use of all-terrain vehicles and utility task vehicles within the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF AKRON, COLORADO:

1. Chapter 4 of Title 7 of the Akron Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**CHAPTER 4
GOLF CARTS, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, AND UTVS**

SECTION:

7-4-1: Definitions

7-4-2: Operation Of Golf Carts, all-terrain vehicles, and UTVs Authorized

7-4-3: Registration Required; Fee

7-4-4: Restricted Operations

7-4-5: Operation Within Roadway

7-4-6: Violation; Penalty

7-4-1: DEFINITIONS:

ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE: A three- or four-wheeled vehicle that travels on low-pressure tires with a seat that is straddled by the rider and with handlebars for steering control.

GOLF CART: A self-propelled vehicle not designed primarily for operation on roadways and that has:

- A. A design speed of less than twenty (20) miles per hour;
- B. At least three (3) wheels in contact with the ground;

C. An empty weight of not more than one thousand three hundred (1,300) pounds; and

UTV: A utility task vehicle or utility terrain vehicle designed with a steering wheel and seating between two and six riders. UTVs are designed to be used for work or recreation.

7-4-2: OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, AND UTVS AUTHORIZED:

Subject to the provisions of this chapter, and except as prohibited herein, the operation of golf carts, all-terrain vehicles, and UTVs within the town's corporate limits shall be permitted; provided, however, that this authorization does not permit the operation of golf carts, all-terrain vehicles, and UTVs on county roads outside of the town. (Ord. 519, 11-3-2014)

7-4-3: REGISTRATION REQUIRED; FEE:

A. Registration; Form: No golf cart, all-terrain vehicle, or UTV shall be operated in the town without first being registered with the town clerk on such form and with such information as shall be determined by the town clerk.

B. Registration Stickers: Upon such registration, the golf cart, all-terrain vehicle, or UTV shall have affixed, as evidence of such registration, stickers on the front and rear of the golf cart all terrain-vehicle, or UTV.

C. Annual Renewal: Golf cart, all-terrain vehicle and UTV registration shall be renewed every three years in the same month in which first registered.

D. Fee: The registration fee shall be \$100 every three years for golf carts, all-terrain vehicles, and UTVs. The registrations fees may be adjusted in the future by resolution of the board of trustees. (Ord. 519, 11-3-2014)

7-4-4: RESTRICTED OPERATIONS:

Notwithstanding the authorization set forth in section 7-4-2 of this chapter, the following restrictions shall apply to the operation of golf carts all-terrain vehicles, and UTVs within the town:

A. Age Restriction: No golf cart, all-terrain vehicle, or UTV shall be operated by any person under the age of sixteen (16) years.

B. Driving Privileges Required: No golf cart, all-terrain vehicle, or UTV shall be operated by any person unless such person holds valid driving privileges pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes title 42, or the equivalent under the law of any other jurisdiction within the United States.

C. Use On Sidewalks And Trails Prohibited: No golf cart, all-terrain vehicle, or UTV shall be operated upon any sidewalk, pedestrian trail or recreational facility within the town, whether or not such trail or recreational facility is operated under authority of the town, with the exception of golf carts at golf courses and associated golf facilities.

D. State And Federal Highway Use Prohibited: No golf cart, all-terrain vehicle, or UTV shall be operated upon any portion of Colorado Highway 63 (Cedar Avenue) and U.S. Highway 34 (1st Street) within the town's corporate limits.

E. Model Traffic Code Compliance: The operator of a golf cart, all-terrain vehicle, or UTV shall obey all traffic and parking regulations otherwise applicable to motor vehicles, including, but not limited to, the following parts of article I of the model traffic code:

1. Part 1, section 107;
2. Part 6, sections 603(1), 608(1), 609, 614 and 615;
3. Part 7, all sections except sections 708 and 711;
4. Part 8, sections 802(1), 806, 807 and 808;
5. Part 9, all sections;
6. Part 10, all sections except sections 1010, 1011 and 1012;
7. Part 11, section 1101, except that the maximum speed of a golf cart, all-terrain vehicle, or UTV shall not exceed twenty (20) miles per hour under any circumstances, and section 1105;
8. Part 12, all sections except 1207 and 1210; and
9. Part 14, all sections except sections 1405, 1407.5, 1408, and 1412.
10. Every golf cart all-terrain vehicle, and UTV operated on town streets shall be insured as provided in section 1409 of the model traffic code.

F. Time Limitation; Headlamps: No golf cart all-terrain vehicle, or UTV shall be operated between sunset and sunrise or at any other time when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons and vehicles on the street are not clearly discernible at a distance of one thousand feet (1,000') ahead, unless such golf cart all-terrain vehicle, or UTV is equipped and illuminated with headlamps, tail lamps, stop lamps and turn signals as required under part 2 of article I of the model traffic code.

G. Display Of Slow Moving Vehicle Emblem: Every golf cart operated upon any road within the town shall at all times display the slow moving vehicle emblem as required under article I, section 234 of the model traffic code and as further regulated by the provisions of 1 CCR section 204-5. (Ord. 519, 11-3-2014)

7-4-5: OPERATION WITHIN ROADWAY:

Golf carts, all-terrain vehicles, and UTVs shall be operated as close to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when approaching, overtaking or passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction, or when approaching, overtaking or passing a pedestrian or bicyclist. (Ord. 519, 11-3-2014)

7-4-6: VIOLATION; PENALTY:

A. A violation of this chapter shall be punishable as provided in section 1-4-1 of this code. (Ord. 519, 11-3-2014; amd. 2016 Code)

B. Fines and fees for violation of this chapter may be set or modified by resolution of the board of trustees from time to time. (Ord. 519, 11-3-2014)

Following adoption, this Ordinance shall be authenticated by the signature of the Mayor and the Town Clerk and shall be recorded in the Town of Akron book of ordinances. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication as required by law.

First Reading: 02/03/2025

Second Reading: 03/03/2025

Upon Approval Adopted on the 3rd day of March 2025



Mayor Brandon Hill

ATTEST:

DENCIA RAISH, CMC
Town Clerk/Treasurer