

ORDINANCE 24-2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF “STREET-LEGAL SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES” AS DEFINED BY KRS CHAPTER 186 ON HIGHWAYS AND STREETS IN THE CITY OF HOPKINSVILLE AND ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS FOR OPERATION

WHEREAS, the Kentucky General Assembly passed Senate Bill 63 to authorize local governments to adopt ordinances to allow “street-legal special purpose vehicles” as defined by KRS Chapter 186 to operate upon highways within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 63 contains equipment requirements for and restricts operation of “street-legal special purpose vehicles” on all highways, including those in local governments that allow operation by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Hopkinsville determines that the operation of “street-legal special purpose vehicles” on authorized highways is beneficial to the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hopkinsville reserves its right to impose additional restrictions on the operation of “street-legal special purpose vehicles”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE

DEFINITIONS as used in this Ordinance shall have the following meaning:

- (1) “Cabinet” means the Kentucky Department of Transportation;
- (2) “Highway” shall have the same meaning as defined in KRS 186.010(2); and,
- (3) “Street-legal special purpose vehicle” shall have the same meaning as defined in Senate Bill 63 as codified in KRS 186.077.

SECTION TWO

AUTHORIZED USE:

(1) “Street-legal special purpose vehicles” as defined by Senate Bill 63 and codified in KRS 186.077 shall be authorized to operate on designated highways within the City of Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

(2) Operation of “street-legal special purpose vehicles” as defined by KRS 186.077 shall be subject to state law requirements and restrictions, including any regulations adopted by the Cabinet.

(3) The operator of the street-legal special purpose vehicle when operated on public roadways shall be properly licensed to operate a motor vehicle, per KRS 186.410.

(4) The operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles shall be limited to highways within the City having a posted speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour or less.

(5) Any passenger of a street-legal special purpose vehicle under the age of eighteen (18) shall wear a protective helmet at all times the vehicle is being operated within the City limits.

SECTION THREE

If any part of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or unenforceable, the remaining parts shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION FOUR

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION FIVE

This ordinance shall take effect after its passage and publication according to law.

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PUBLICLY READ AND PASSED FIRST TIME: _____

PUBLICLY READ AND PASSED SECOND TIME: _____

APPROVED: _____

James R. Knight Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Brittany Byrum, CMC
City Clerk