



*City of Houston*

**Application for Use of Golf Carts and Utility Terrain Vehicles, per City Ordinance 2015-107**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_ State of Issuance: \_\_\_\_\_

Make of Golf Cart/UTV: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Serial or Vehicle Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

(Must show valid Golf Cart and/or Utility Terrain Vehicle Coverage).

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**VERIFICATION**

Copy of Driver's License:  YES  NO

Copy of Insurance Provided:  YES  NO

Decal Purchased:  YES  NO Decal #: \_\_\_\_\_

(\$15.00 Annual Fee. Due prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year).

Employee Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: The operation of a golf cart and/or utility vehicle must follow all applicable city ordinances and state laws. A red flag must be attached on a pole to the rear of the vehicle.**

**The decal must be attached to the left rear of the vehicle.**

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**BILL NO: 107**

**ORDINANCE: 2015-107**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, MISSOURI, REPEALING ARTICLE VI AND ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE VI PERTAINING TO THE REGULATION OF UTILITY VEHICLES AND GOLF CARTS.

Be it ordained that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Houston, Missouri, as follows:

**SECTION 1.**

**ARTICLE VI-ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES**, of the code of ordinances of the City of Houston, Missouri, is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 2.**

A new Article VI pertaining to Utility Vehicles and Golf Carts is hereby enacted as follows:

**Section 21-236. Definitions.**

"Utility Vehicle" - Any motorized vehicle manufactured and used exclusively for off-highway use which is more than fifty inches but no more than sixty-seven inches in width, with an unladen dry weight of two thousand pounds or less, traveling on four or six wheels, to be used primarily for landscaping, lawn care, or maintenance purposes.

"Golf Cart" - A motor vehicle 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 twenty miles per hour.

**Section 21-237. Prohibited on city streets - exceptions.**

No person shall operate a utility vehicle or golf cart upon the streets of this city, except as follows:

1. Utility Vehicles or Golf Carts must carry a special permit issued by this City. The Chief of Police shall prepare an application form for the special permit and charge a fee of \$15. Permits shall expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year in which they are issued. The Chief of Police shall also issue a decal which shall be securely fastened to the utility vehicle or golf cart on the left rear of the vehicle or cart and clearly visible.
2. Utility Vehicles or Golf Carts owned by a government entity for official use.

**Section 21-238. Prohibited in streams - exceptions.**

No person shall operate an off-road vehicle within any stream or river in this city, except that off-road vehicles may be operated within waterways that flow within the boundaries of land that an off-road vehicle operator owns or has permission to be upon.

**Section 21-239. License and flag required.**

A person operating a utility vehicle or golf cart on a street or highway, pursuant to an exception covered in this ordinance, shall have a valid operator's or chauffeur's license, but shall not be

required to have passed an examination for the operation of a motorcycle, and the vehicle shall be operated at speeds of less than 20 miles per hour. When operated on a street or highway, a utility vehicle or golf cart shall have a bicycle safety flag, which extends not less than seven 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 30 square inches and shall be day-glow in color.

**Section 21-240. Careless driving, under the influence, helmet required.**

No person shall operate a utility vehicle or golf cart:

1. In a careless way so as to endanger the person or property of another.
2. While under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance; or
3. Without a securely fastened safety helmet on the head of an individual who operates or is a passenger on a utility vehicle or golf cart unless the individual is at least 18 years of age.
4. Between the hours of official sunset and sunrise on the day of operation.
5. Within the parks and other public lands of the city not to include designated parking areas.
6. On private property of another without the express permission to do so by the owner or occupant of said property.
7. In any manner that unreasonably disturbs the peace of any person or creates excessive noise.
8. Without maintaining financial responsibility and providing proof thereof in compliance with the provisions of Section 303.160, R.S.Mo.

**Section 21-248.**

A person operating a utility vehicle or golf cart shall ride only upon the permanent and regular seat attached hereto, and such operator shall not carry any other person nor shall any other person ride on a utility vehicle, or golf cart unless such vehicle is designed to carry more than one person, in which event a passenger may ride upon the permanent and regular seat if designed for two persons, or upon another seat firmly attached to the rear or side of the operator.

**Section 21-249. Penalty.**

Any person violating this ordinance may be fined an amount not to exceed \$500.00.

**SECTION 3.**

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, MISSOURI, THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2015.