
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Subject: Follow up discussion on usage of UTV/Golf Cart/ATV within City Limits

Background Summary:

In late June the topic of ATV, UTV and Golf Carts and requests around the idea of them being allowed to be used within city limits was put before the council for some initial discussion. Since that meeting there has been some limited discussion with people proposing this as well as collection of other city ordinances by city staff to review how these are being addressed in other communities.

While there are similarities between the three there are some unique differences which we found does regulate them differently. Generally, we've found that ATV's are not allowed on city streets except in some instances such as snow events and even then they are restricted pretty heavily.

UTV's and Golf Carts we've found are often lumped together but often golf carts are more restricted since the UTV's are much more like "vehicles" in many cases with headlights, seatbelts, turning signals and so forth.

One commonality that we've seen is that most if not all prohibit the use of any of these on trails, parks and private property. Generally Chief Anderson and I agree that allowing these on trails could be a problem with pedestrians, bikers and the like. Additionally, the State of Iowa does not allow any of these to operate on a state highway except to cross them. So, if you cannot cross on Charley Western Bridge and Brantingham Bridge, that leaves Main Street Bridge as the only way to cross. You then have limitations at the intersection of S. Main and Gilbert as state highway turns there.

Other things we've seen are:

- Must be 18 y.o. with valid DL to operate
- Annual licensing with the City; costs ranging from \$25-\$100
- Provide proof of insurance; similar limits and coverages as vehicles
- Operation allowed from Dawn to Dusk (Golf carts only without headlights?)

So, just some initial points to consider as we further discussion on this topic.

Attached is a spreadsheet of what we've found from other communities so far

City-7,185	UTV	ATV	Notes	Golf	Notes
Adel-6,513	Allow	Allow	UTV/ATV on streets w/<35mph,sunrise to sunset, other restrictions, insurance reqd, valid driver's license,	Allow	City permit req'd, prohibited streets, driver >=16 years, sunrise to sunset
Nevada-6,595	Not	Not		Minimal	To and from parades, and events,
Eldridge-6,968	Not	Not		Not	
Knoxville-7,116	Allow	Not	Valid license, >=18 years of age (yoa), sunrise to sunset, many other restrictions, city permit req'd	Allow	Valid license, >=18 yoa, sunrise to sunset, many other restrictions, city
Webster City-7,629	Allow	Allow	ATVs on unplowed streets,no operate between 11pm-7am. UTV- city permit, >=18 yoa, valid license, ins req'd, many other restrictions	Allow	City permit, >=18yoa, insurance req'd, eqipment reqmnts,
Sioux Center-7,611	Allow	Allow	city permit, only for certain reasons (employment, to business property, snow plowing, disabilities, special events, no operate bwtween 11pm and 6am unless snow	Allow	valid license, city permit, equipment requirements
Decorah-7,578	Minimal	Not	Only with special permission, special events,emergencies	Not	
Hiawatha-7,480	Minimal	Minimal	Only with special permission, special events, emergencies	Not	
Clear Lake-7,480	Allow	Work	ATV for snow removal, etc. UTV with permit. >=18 yoa, city permit, insurance req'd, valid license, sunrise to sunset(UTV may be operated after dark for loading/unloading and emergency situations.	Allow	With permit. >=18 yoa, city permit, insurance req'd, valid license, sunrise to sunset
Washington-7,118	Allow	Work	city permit, >= 18 yoa, valid license,other restrictions, operate from sunrise to sunset. ATV for snow removal, other restrictions and allowances	Allow	city permit, >= 18 yoa, valid license,other restrictions, operate from sunrise to sunset
Creston-7,639	Not	Not		Not	
Denison-7,988	Allow	Not	>=18 yoa, insurance req'd, sunrise to sunset	Allow	Valid license, sunrise to sunset
Mason City-26,659	Work	Work	Basically for snow removal only	Not	
Waverly- 10,308	Work	Work	City permit, snow removal and college use, special events, many other restrictions	Allow	Restrictions on where can operate
Nashua-1,585	Allow		City permit, >= 18 yoa, valid license, sunrise to sunset, other restrictions	Allow	City permit, >= 18 yoa, valid license, sunrise to sunset, other restrictions
DeWitt-5,212	Allow	Work	>=18 yoa, valid license, city permit, from sunrise to sunset, other restrictions. ATV for snow and work only	Allow	>=18 yoa, valid license, city permit, from sunrise to sunset, other
New Hampton-3,410	Allow	Allow	>=18 yoa, city permit, insurance req'd, other restrictions	Allow	>=18 yoa, city permit, insurance