



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT OPERATING A NEIGHBORHOOD VEHICLE

What is a Neighborhood Vehicle?

The City ordinance, which is in line with state law defines a Neighborhood Vehicle as a Low Speed Vehicle or golf cart, which is a motorized vehicle with four wheels, that weighs no more than 3,000 lbs and cannot exceed 25 MPH. The ordinance does not allow for motor scooters or other motorized recreational vehicles to be driven on public streets (such as 'go-carts' or ATV's).

I already have my golf cart, now what?

Missouri Revised Statutes, Section 304 and CFR 49, 571.500 of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration requires that all Neighborhood Vehicles be equipped with, at a minimum:

1. Headlights
2. Front and rear turn signals
3. Taillights
4. Stop lights/brake lights
5. Reflex reflectors: one red on each side as far to the rear as practicable
6. An exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or an interior mirror
7. Seatbelts installed to cross the lap portion of all passengers
8. Headlights, taillights, and brake lights must emit light visible at night under normal atmospheric conditions on a straight, level, unlighted roadway at five hundred (500) feet.
9. A windshield that conforms with the Federal motor vehicle safety standard on glazing materials (49 CFR 571.205).
10. A Vehicle Identification Number

My golf cart, or Neighborhood Vehicle, has those things, now what?

First, if your Neighborhood Vehicle is more than two (2) years old, you will need to get it inspected at a licensed Missouri Vehicle Safety Inspection station in Raymore. (You can find a list of those inspection stations below). The inspection will check to ensure:

1. The brakes and brake lights are operational.
2. The parking brake (if equipped) is operational.
3. The steering column is operational.
4. The existence of rear view mirror(s).
5. The existence of a flag (not less than thirty (30) square inches in area) extending not less than one (1) foot above the canopy of the vehicle or not less than seven (7) feet above the ground if the vehicle is not equipped with a canopy.
6. The neighborhood vehicle has not less than four (4) wheels.
7. That there is not less than two thirty-seconds (2/32) inch of tread depth remaining on each tire, there are no visible tire threads or cords showing and there is no visible rubber separation.



Take the inspection form to the City Clerk's office at City Hall to fill out an application and register your Neighborhood Vehicle with the City. That paperwork will need to be in your Neighborhood Vehicle at all times when in use. The cost of the registration is \$20 and you will receive a registration sticker that must be placed on your Neighborhood Vehicle on the left rear bumper.

If your vehicle is newer than two years old it does not require inspection, but you will still need to complete the application form at the City Clerk's Office to receive your sticker.

What is required by the City Clerk to register my Neighborhood Vehicle?

The City Clerk will provide you with an application where you will need to provide:

1. Basic identifying information (make, model, color, etc)
2. Name and address of the owner of the vehicle
3. Proof of financial responsibility/insurance
4. Proof of inspection by a Missouri Vehicle Safety inspection station.
5. Proof of payment for registration (which you will receive when you pay the City at the time of your application/registration).

Do I need to title or register my Neighborhood Vehicle with the state, like my car?

No.

The ordinance does not require you to title or register your Neighborhood Vehicle with the State.

I'm registered, stickered and can drive my Neighborhood Vehicle anywhere I want, right?

Not quite.

Neighborhood Vehicles and ALL motorized vehicles are still prohibited from sidewalks, or public trails and walkways that are reserved for pedestrians. Also, state law forbids Neighborhood Vehicles from driving on a street or a highway with a posted speed limit greater than 35 MPH. However, you can still cross a street with a posted speed limit of up to 45 MPH, but the ordinance requires you to make such a crossing at an electronic traffic control signal (or stoplight) unless access to such an intersection is not available.

What laws apply to me while driving my Neighborhood Vehicle?

All the same driving laws and rules apply to Neighborhood Vehicle drivers that apply to the operation of a regular vehicle. You MUST have a valid driver's license to operate a Neighborhood Vehicle on city streets.

You also are prohibited from towing trailers, boats, jet skis, other objects, people or animals on public streets or the right of way in your Neighborhood Vehicle.



What rules do Neighborhood Vehicle passengers need to follow?

No driver is allowed to have a passenger under the age of 16 in the Neighborhood Vehicle unless the driver is the legal parent or guardian of that passenger. ALSO, you are not allowed more passengers than seats in the Neighborhood Vehicle.

Finally, if your infant/child requires a safety seat or car seat in your regular vehicle, they are NOT ALLOWED in a Neighborhood Vehicle.

Can I be pulled over by Police in my Neighborhood Vehicle?

Yes.

If an officer has a reasonable suspicion that you are breaking the law, he/she can initiate a traffic stop with and Neighborhood Vehicle just as he/she would with a regular vehicle.



NEIGHBORHOOD VEHICLE CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Make/Model/Year _____ VIN _____

____ Brakes and brake lights operational

____ Parking brake operational *(if equipped)*

____ Steering column operational

____ Rear view mirror(s) functional

____ Confirm existence of a flag (not less than thirty (30) square inches in area) extending not less than one (1) foot above the canopy or not less than seven (7) feet above the ground if the vehicle is not equipped with a canopy.

____ Confirm the vehicle has not less than four (4) wheels.

____ Confirm there is not less than 2/32 inch of tread depth remaining on each tire, there are no visible tire threads or cords showing and there is no visible rubber separation

Inspector name Company MO-MV Inspection Station # DATE

Vehicle owner _____ DATE

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PERMIT NO.



NEIGHBORHOOD VEHICLE APPLICATION

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)

EMAIL ADDRESS

GOLF CART
(PLEASE CHECK ONE)

LOW SPEED VEHICLE

VEHICLE MAKE/MODEL/YEAR/COLOR

VIN

INSURANCE CARRIER *(PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIRED)*

POLICY NUMBER

SIGNATURE

(PERMIT VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM THIS DATE)

DATE

By signing this application, I verify that I have read and that I will comply with Raymore City Code Chapter 341, "Operation of Neighborhood Vehicles on Public Streets." The information contained within the Neighborhood Vehicle Application for registration is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

OFFICE USE ONLY

City Clerk

Permit No.