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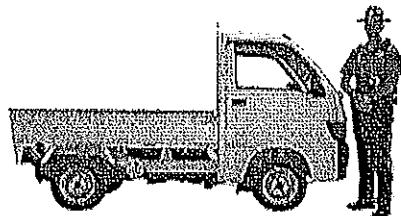
Pocket Bike
Moped/Motorized Bicycle
150 cc Motorcycle
Motorcycle
All Terrain Vehicle
Micro Utility Truck

LIMITED STREET USE

Micro Utility Truck

"Micro Utility Truck" means any vehicle which is:

- Any vehicle which is not less than 48 inches in width.
- Has a maximum length of 160 inches including the bumper.
- More than 1,500 pounds unladen weight, including fuel and fluids.
- Can exceed 40 miles per hour as originally manufactured.
- Manufactured with a metal cab.
- a "Work-Site Utility Vehicle" is a different classification and is not included within the definition of a "Micro Utility Truck".



nonpublic school, city or county, and may provide training to such volunteers as school crossing guards, as defined in K.S.A. 8-1492, and amendments thereto, to direct traffic at school crossings, streets and highways in the vicinity of schools and bus stops, by means of lawful orders, signs or semaphores. Such persons shall wear a distinctive garb or insignia indicating such appointment.

(b) School crossing guards shall not have the power to issue citations or the power to arrest provided to law enforcement officers. (effective 7-1-06)

8-15.105. OPERATION OF WORK-SITE UTILITY VEHICLES; WHERE; WHEN.

(a) On and after July 1, 2007, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a work-site utility vehicle: (1) On any Interstate highway, federal highway or state highway; or (2) within the corporate limits of any city unless authorized by such city. Work-site utility vehicles may be operated incidentally upon a federal highway or state highway.

(b) No work-site utility vehicle shall be operated on any public highway, street or road unless such vehicle complies with the equipment requirements under the provisions of article 17 of chapter 8 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated.

(c) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the uniform act regulating traffic on highways. (effective 4-26-07)

8-15.106. OPERATION OF MICRO UTILITY TRUCKS; WHERE; WHEN.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a micro utility truck: (1) On any Interstate highway, federal highway or state highway; or (2) on any public highway or street within the corporate limits of any city unless authorized by such city.

(b) No micro utility truck shall be operated on any public highway or street, unless such truck complies with the equipment requirements under article 17 of chapter 8 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

(c) The provisions of subsection (a), shall not prohibit a micro utility truck from crossing a federal or state highway.

(d) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the uniform act regulating traffic on highways. (effective 7-1-08)

8-15.107. REMOVAL OF VEHICLES OBSTRUCTING VEHICLES: REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Except in the case of an accident involving death or apparent injury of any person, or the transportation of hazardous material, the owner or driver of a vehicle which obstructs the regular flow of traffic on any Interstate highway, U.S. highway, or any multilane or divided roadway, shall make every reasonable effort to move the vehicle from the roadway, if, moving the vehicle may be done safely, does not require towing and may be operated under its own power without further damage to the vehicle or the roadway and without endangering other vehicles or persons upon the roadway.

(b) Except in the case of an accident involving death or apparent injury of any person or the transportation of hazardous material, authorized employees or agents of the Kansas department of transportation, Kansas highway patrol or other law enforcement agency without the consent of the driver or owner of the vehicle or property, may require, assist in or cause the removal from the roadway any vehicle, debris or any other property which is obstructing the regular flow of traffic, creating or aggravating an emergency situation or otherwise endangering public safety.

(c) No state, county or municipal agency nor their authorized employees or agents shall be held liable for any damages resulting from the reasonable exercise of authority granted under this section.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a driver is required to comply with the applicable provisions of K.S.A. 8-1601 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(e) From and after July 1, 2009, and prior to July 1, 2010, a law enforcement officer shall issue a warning citation to anyone violating subsection (a).

(f) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the uniform act regulating traffic on highways. (effective 7-1-09)

8-15.108. OPERATION OF GOLF CART; WHERE; WHEN.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a golf cart: (1) On any Interstate highway, federal highway or state highway; (2) on any public highway or street within the corporate limits of any city unless authorized by such city; or (3) on any street or highway with a posted speed limit greater than 30 miles per hour.

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not prohibit a golf cart from crossing a federal or state highway or a street or highway with a posted speed limit in excess of 30 miles per hour.

(c) A golf cart shall be operated on any public street or highway only during the hours between sunrise and sunset.

(d) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the uniform act regulating traffic on highways. (effective 7-1-09)

8-15.109. OPERATION OF WORK-SITE UTILITY VEHICLE; WHERE; WHEN.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a work-site utility vehicle: (1) On any interstate highway, federal highway or state highway; or (2) within the corporate limits of any city unless authorized by such city.

(b) No work-site utility vehicle shall be operated on any public highway, street or road between sunset and sunrise unless equipped with lights as required by law for motorcycles.

(c) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the uniform act regulating traffic on highways. (effective 7-1-09)

8-15.110. COVERING LICENSE PLATE WITH PLASTIC-LIKE MATERIAL.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to attach and display on any vehicle a license plate, as required under article 1 of chapter 8 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, which is covered, in whole or in part, with any clear or opaque material or any other plastic-like material that affects the plate's visibility or reflectivity.

(b) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the uniform act regulating traffic on highways. (effective 7-1-10)

8-15.111. TEXT MESSAGING, PROHIBITED; EXCEPTIONS.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Wireless communication device" means any wireless electronic communication device that provides for voice or data communication between two or more parties, including, but not limited to, a mobile or cellular telephone, a text messaging device, a personal digital assistant that sends or receives messages, an audio-video player that sends or receives messages or a laptop computer. "Wireless communication device" does not include a device which is voice-operated and which allows the user to send or receive a text based communication without

the use of either hand, except to activate or deactivate a feature or function.

(2) "Write, send or read a written communication" means using a wireless communication device to manually type, send or read a written communication, including, but not limited to, a text message, instant message or electronic mail.

(b) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d), no person shall operate a motor vehicle on a public road or highway while using a wireless communications device to write, send or read a written communication.

(c) The provisions of subsection (b) shall not apply to:

(1) A law enforcement officer or emergency service personnel acting within the course and scope of the law enforcement officer's or emergency service personnel's employment;

(2) a motor vehicle stopped off the regular traveled portion of the roadway;

(3) a person who reads, selects or enters a telephone number or name in a wireless communications device for the purpose of making or receiving a phone call;

(4) a person who receives an emergency, traffic or weather alert message; or

(5) a person receiving a message related to the operation or navigation of the motor vehicle.

(d) The provisions of subsection (b) shall not prohibit a person from using a wireless communications device while operating a moving motor vehicle to:

(1) Report current or ongoing illegal activity to law enforcement;

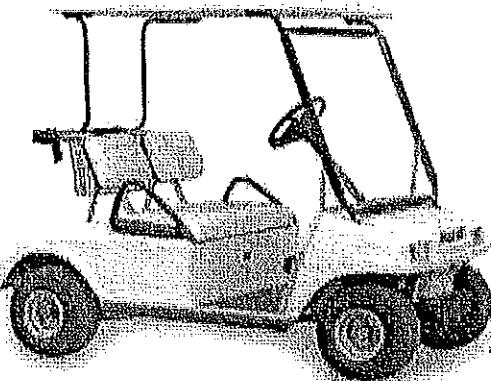
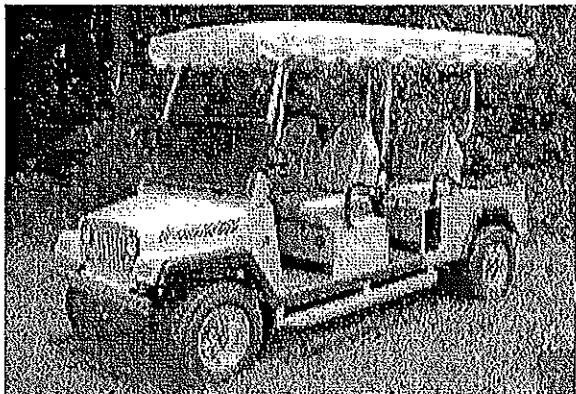
(2) prevent imminent injury to a person or property; or

(3) relay information between transit or for-hire operator and the operator's dispatcher, in which the device is permanently affixed to the motor vehicle.

(e) From and after the effective date of this act and prior to January 1, 2011, a law enforcement officer shall issue a warning citation to anyone violating subsection (b).

(f) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the uniform act regulating traffic on highways. (effective 7-1-10)

Golf Cart



Definition:

“Golf cart” means a motor vehicle that has not less than three wheels in contact with the ground, an unladen weight of not more than 1,800 pounds, is designed to be and is operated at not more than 25 miles per hour and is designed to carry not more than four persons including the driver. (Effective July 1, 2009 per HB 2152)

Registration:

None required. KSA 8-128 exempts golf carts from registration requirements. (Effective July 1, 2009 per HB2152)

Insurance:

Since golf carts are exempt registration, they do not meet the definition of a "motor vehicle" within the insurance statutes. Golf Carts are not required to be insured under state law. However, city ordinances may require liability insurance.

Driver's License:

Required while operated incidentally on fed. and state highways, county roads and city streets. A golf cart meets the definition of “motor vehicle” as used in KSA 8-235.

Seatbelts:

If originally equipped with safety belts as described in 49 CFR 571, the usage of safety belts and child restraints could be required. Golf carts meet the definition of "motor vehicle" in 8-1437, therefore, meeting the definition of "passenger car" in 8-1343a is used within the Child Passenger Safety Act and Safety Belt Use Act.

8-1437. "Motor vehicle" defined. "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle, other than a motorized bicycle or a motorized wheelchair, which is self-propelled and every vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires, but not operated upon rails.

Operation:**Synopsis:**

- Unlawful to operate a golf cart on federal or state highways, except to cross them.
- Unlawful to operate a golf cart on an interstate highway at any time.
- Golf carts may be operated on county / township roads only if the posted speed limit is 30 MPH or less.
- Cities can authorize operation of a golf cart upon the highways, streets and roads with a posted speed limit of 30 MPH or less, and alleys within the corporate limits of the city.

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(c) A golf cart shall be operated on any public street or highway only during the hours between sunrise and sunset.

(d) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the uniform act regulating traffic on highways.

History: L. 2009, ch. 119, § 2; July 1. (HOUSE BILL No. 2152 Effective July 2009)