

Sec. 70-27. Purpose; definition.

(a) Purpose. The mayor and city council of the City of Royston find that certain public streets located within the corporate limits of Royston, Georgia, are designed and constructed so as to safely permit the use thereof by regular vehicular traffic and also the driving thereon of motorized carts.

(b) Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Motorized cart means all electric and gasoline-powered pleasure carts which are commonly called golf carts and UTVs (utility vehicles). Within this article, the terms "motorized cart," "golf cart" and "cart" shall have the same meanings; these are the only carts authorized for use under this article. (Ord. of 6-9-2009, § 1)

Sec. 70-28. Operation of electric and gasoline powered carts.

(a) Every cart shall at all times be equipped with an exhaust system in good working order and in constant operation, meeting the following specifications:

(1) The exhaust system shall include the piping leading from the flange of the exhaust manifold to, and including, the muffler(s) and exhaust pipe(s).

(2) The exhaust system and its elements shall be securely fastened.

(3) . The engine of every cart shall be so equipped, adjusted and tuned, as to prevent the escape of excessive smoke or fumes.

(b) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any cart to operate, or permit the operation of, such cart on which any device controlling or abating atmospheric emissions, which is placed on a cart by the manufacturer, has been altered, rendered unserviceable or removed. (Ord. of 6-9-2009, § 1)

Sec. 70-29. Operating regulations.

(a) Only persons with a valid driver's licenses are allowed to operate a motorized cart on designated streets in the City of Royston.

(b) Prior to operating a motorized cart as authorized in this article, the operator must register with the City of Royston, Georgia and must obtain an operating permit which is to be affixed to the motorized cart at the time of inspection. The city manager of the City of Royston is authorized to establish regulations and fees consistent with the intent of this article to govern the safe operation of motorized carts on the authorized streets within the corporate limits of the City of Royston.

(c) All operators of motorized carts shall abide by all traffic regulations applicable to vehicular traffic when using the authorized streets, to include specific regulations established by the City of Royston.

(d) Motorized carts shall not be operated on sidewalks at any time. Motorized carts may be operated over authorized streets only during daylight hours, unless such motorized carts are equipped with functional headlights and taillights.

(e) A permit issued by the marshal of the City of Royston will authorize operation during daylight hours only unless a nighttime permit is specifically approved and issued.

(f) It shall be unlawful for the owner to operate or permit the operation of such cart over the authorized streets in violation of this article or in violation of the regulations established by the city of Royston. (Ord. of 6-9-2009, § 1)

Sec. 70-30. Hazardous activities and special rules.

No individual or group shall engage in hazardous activities on the authorized street. Such activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Racing of any kind, except for special events approved by the city.

(2) Blocking of public access, except for special events approved by the city.

(3) Pedestrians, skaters and permitted vehicles shall not loiter or park on any authorized street.

(4) All laws and ordinances relative to alcohol and the use thereof, including open container laws, apply to the motorized carts. (Ord. of 6-9-2009, § 1)

**Sec. 70-31. Authorized and prohibited streets.**

**All residential and commercial city owned streets within the city limits are approved for motorized cart operation. Prohibited streets include all Georgia State Routes, specifically Georgia Highway 17, Georgia State Route 8 (U.S. Hwy. 29), and Georgia State Route 281. Motorized carts are allowed to only cross these state routes to gain access to another residential or commercial street on the other side of the state highway at the following intersections:**

•College Street and State Route 17

•Ty Cobb Street and State Route 8

•Cook Street and State Route 8

•Bowers Street and State Route 17

•Cook Street and State Route 17

•Baker Street and State Route 8

•Brooks and Lee Streets and State Route 17 (Ord. of 6-9-2009, § 1)

**Sec. 70-32. Penalties.**

Any person who violates the terms of this article shall be punished as provided in section 1-12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Royston. (Ord. of 6-9-2009, § 1)