

**GRAND RIVERS, KENTUCKY
STREET LEGAL SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES
ORDINANCE NO. 03 - 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING AND REGULATING THE OPERATION OF SPECIAL PURPOSE
VEHICLES ON GRAND RIVERS ROADS AND HIGHWAYS**

WHEREAS, 2025 Ky. Acts ch. 89 (hereinafter "the Act") became law on March 26, 2025 and allows for the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles on certain highways within the Commonwealth of Kentucky if allowed by ordinance of the local government within whose jurisdictional boundaries the highway is located; and

WHEREAS, the Act becomes effective on Friday, June 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Rivers City Council has determined that it is appropriate to allow the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles on specified highways within the jurisdictional boundaries of Grand Rivers in accordance with the Act and this Ordinance.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GRAND RIVERS CITY COUNCIL,
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY:**

SECTION ONE – DEFINITIONS

As used in this Ordinance:

1. "Special purpose vehicle" means an all-terrain vehicle, utility terrain vehicle, minitruck, pneumatic-tired military vehicle, or full-size special purpose-built vehicle, including a vehicle that is self-constructed or built by the original equipment manufacturer and a vehicle that has been modified.
2. "Special purpose vehicle" does not include a low-speed vehicle as defined in KRS§ 186.010.
3. "Street-legal special purpose vehicle" means a special purpose vehicle that meets the requirements of this section and is equipped with all of the following:
 - a. One (1) or more headlamps;
 - b. One (1) or more tail lamps;
 - c. One (1) or more brake lamps;
 - d. A trail lamp or other lamp constructed and placed to illuminate the registration plate with a white light;
 - e. One (1) or more red reflectors on the rear of the vehicle;
 - f. An amber electric turn system, one (1) on each side of the front of the vehicle;
 - g. Amber or red electric turn signals on the rear of the vehicle;
 - h. A braking system, other than a parking brake;
 - i. A horn or other warning device;
 - j. A working muffler that meets the requirements of KRS §189.140;
 - k. A steering wheel;
 - l. Rearview mirrors on the right and left side of the driver;
 - m. A windshield, unless the operator of the vehicle wears eye protection while operating the vehicle;
 - n. A speedometer, illuminated for nighttime operation;

- o. A roll bar or roll cage sufficient to support the vehicle's weight;
 - p. For multi-passenger vehicles, a seatbelt assembly that conforms to the federal motor vehicle safety standard provided in 49 C.F.R. sec. 571.209 for each designated seating position; and
 - q. Tires that have at least two thirty-seconds (2/32) of an inch or greater tire tread.
4. "Street-legal special purpose vehicle" does not include a low-speed vehicle as defined in KRS § 186.010 or a vehicle primarily used for farm or agricultural activities.

SECTION TWO – DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS

Grand Rivers permits the operation of Street-legal special purpose vehicles by licensed operators to operate on roads and highways that are located within the jurisdictional limits of Grand Rivers where the speed limit is 55 miles per hour or less.

SECTION THREE – EXCEPTIONS

Street-legal special purpose vehicles shall not be allowed to operate:

- (a) On any highway, or portion thereof, located within the jurisdictional limits of Grand Rivers unless allowed by this ordinance.
- (b) On any highway, or portion thereof, that is a controlled access system, including but not limited to an interstate or parkway; or
- (c) On any highway, or portion thereof, where the United States Department of Agriculture prohibits special purpose vehicles.

SECTION FOUR – REGISTRATION, INSURANCE AND RECIPROCITY

A Street-legal special purpose vehicle operating on a public roadway under this Ordinance shall be:

- (a) Registered in accordance with KRS § 186.020;
- (b) Insured in compliance with KRS § 304.39-080 in the same amounts set forth in KRS § 304.39-110 for motorcycles by the owner or operator, and the proof of insurance shall be inside the Street-legal special purpose vehicle at all times of operation on a public roadway; and
- (c) Comply with all other requirements in KRS Chapter 186.

Grand Rivers recognizes and grants reciprocity for registration of Street-legal special purpose vehicles that are properly licensed in other states, so long as the Street-legal special purpose vehicle meets the equipment requirements set forth in Section One (3) above.

SECTION FIVE – PROHIBITIONS

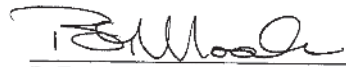
- (a) Street-legal special purpose vehicles are prohibited from traveling a distance greater than twenty (20) miles on a highway displaying centerline pavement markings.
- (b) Minitrucks shall not be operated as street-legal special purpose vehicles on a highway that has been constructed pursuant to a federal highway program.
- (c) All vehicles under this ordinance shall follow KRS § 189.030, Time Headlamps must be on, and KRS § 189.040 Front Lights – Flashing Lights.
- (d) LED light bars shall not be used while operating on a marked highway or roadway when meeting or approaching other motorists or pedestrians.

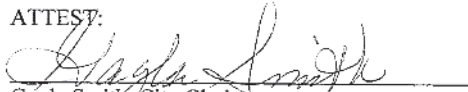
SECTION SIX – SEVERABILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any provision or part thereof shall be held invalid or unconstitutional or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such invalidity, unconstitutionality or inapplicability shall not affect or impair the remaining provision of this Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force when passed, published and recorded.

Date of First Reading of Ordinance: 9-9-25
Date of Second Reading of Ordinance: 10-14-25
Date of Publication of Ordinance: 10-24-25
Ordinance published in: Livingston Ledger


B. Tom Moodie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gayla Smith, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Gayla Smith, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed clerk of the City of Grand Rivers, Kentucky, and that the foregoing Ordinance is a true and correct copy of an ordinance duly adopted at a meeting of the City Council on 10/14/25 executed, and the said ordinance appears as a matter of public record in the Official City Ordinance Book and is in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my signature on this 15th day of Oct, 2025.


Gayla Smith, City Clerk