

Chapter 71

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

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**Subchapter 1**  
**GOLF CARTS AND UTILITY VEHICLE**

**§ 71.01. DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this subchapter, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

- (A) **GOLF CART.** The meaning assigned by the Tex. Transportation Code, sec. 551.401. Further, GOLF CART means a motor vehicle with not less than three wheels designed by the manufacturer primarily for transporting persons on a golf course without regard to the mode of propulsion or any modifications made to the body, chassis, or any portion of the golf cart by any person. GOLF CARTS specifically exclude go-carts, neighborhood electric vehicles, off-road vehicles, utility vehicles, and all-terrain vehicles, as defined by the state's Transportation Code.
- (B) **UTILITY VEHICLES.** The meaning assigned by the Tex. Transportation Code, sec. 551A.001 (6) which specifically states that a "UTILITY VEHICLE means a motor vehicle that is not a golf cart, as defined by Section 551.401, or lawn mower and is:
- (A) equipped with side-by-side seating for the use of the operator and a passenger;
  - (B) designed to propel itself with at least four tires in contact with the ground;
  - (C) designed by the manufacturer for off-highway use only; and
  - (D) designed by the manufacturer primarily for utility work and not for recreational purposes.

( Ordinance 2011-27(f) adopted 11/12/15 )

**§ 71.02. USE OF GOLF CARTS AND UTILITY VEHICLES WITHIN CORPORATE BOUNDARIES.**

An operator may operate a golf cart and/or a utility vehicle in compliance with Texas House Bill No. 1548 and Tex. Transportation Code sections referenced therein as amended or superseded

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**§ 71.03. USE PROHIBITED ON STATE HIGHWAYS.**

Golf carts and/or utility vehicles are prohibited on any state highway located within the corporate boundaries of the city.

*Penalty, see sec. 71.99*

( Ordinance 2011-27(f) adopted 11/12/15 )

**§ 71.04. EQUIPMENT REQUIRED.**

A golf cart and/or utility vehicle must have the following equipment to operate within the corporate city limits:

- (A) Headlamps;

- (B) Tail lamps;
  - (C) Reflectors;
  - (D) Parking brake;
  - (E) Mirrors; and
  - (F) Slow moving vehicle emblem.
- ( Ordinance 2011-27(f) adopted 11/12/15 )

**§ 71.05. EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS.**

The following exclusions and limitations apply to the operation of any golf cart and/or utility vehicle in the city.

- (A) They may only be operated by persons with a valid operator's permit and/or driver's license.
- (B) They may only be operated upon a public street or highway with a speed limit of not more than 35 mph unless otherwise restricted.
- (C) They may cross a street or highway with a speed limit of more than 35 mph if said crossing occurs at an intersection and said crossing is perpendicular to the street or highway with a posted speed limit of more than 35 mph.
- (D) They must move to the right and yield the right-of-way to faster moving vehicles.
- (E) They must be equipped with a slow moving vehicle emblem.
- (F) The driver and every occupant must remain seated in a seat designed to hold passengers while the vehicle is moving.
- (G) No person may ride in the lap of the driver or any other occupant.

*Penalty, see sec. 71.99*

( Ordinance 2011-27(f) adopted 11/12/15 )

**§ 71.06. through § 71.10 RESERVED.**

**Subchapter 2**  
**CAMPING RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**

**§ 71.11. DEFINITIONS OF CAMPING RECREATIONAL VEHICLES.**

For the purpose of this subchapter, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**MOTOR HOME.** A self-propelled vehicle designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use that complies with all applicable federal vehicle regulations.

**OTHER.** A camper not defined above [herein] will require approval from the city office.

**POP-UP CAMPERS.** A collapsible camper with pull-out berths and tent walls, towed as a compact unit behind a vehicle, designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use.

**TRAVEL TRAILERS.** A nonself-propelled recreational vehicle designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use, and of such size or weight as not to require a special highway movement permit when towed by a motorized vehicle.

**TRUCK MOUNTED CAMPER.** A structure designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use, that does not have wheels for road use and is designed to be placed upon and attached to a motor vehicle. "Truck mounted camper" does not include truck covers that consist of walls and a roof, but do not have floors.

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**§ 71.12. PERMITS.**

- (A) Any motor home, travel trailer, pop-up camper or truck mounted camper brought into the city for camping, temporary parking, or storage purposes must make application for a permit from the city office. Permits will only be issued to motor homes, travel trailers and campers that are legally titled and registered as required per current Texas Transportation Codes.
- (B) Permits for limited camping will be issued for a period not to exceed seventeen (17) consecutive days. An application for a renewal permit may be made after a minimum of five (5) days past the expiration date of the previous permit.
- (C) Permits for on-site dwelling purposes during the construction of a home will be issued for an approved camping recreational vehicle for a period of six (6) months, commencing on or after the date that a building construction permit is obtained.
- (D) Permits of camping recreational vehicles for permanent camping where allowed per zoning regulation will be issued on an annual basis. Camping recreational vehicles placed on lots where permanent camping is allowed will only be issued a permit for camping, not for storage. Permits must be displayed in a location on the camping recreational vehicle that is visible from the street. Only one (1) camping recreational vehicle used for permanent camping may be placed on a single lot or multiple adjoining lots under common ownership.
- (E) An annual permit for storage where permanent camping is not allowed is limited to one (1) camping recreational vehicle per residence on a single lot or multiple adjoining lots under common ownership. Storage of a camping recreational vehicle is allowed only on lots with an existing home.

(F) Refer to chapter 51 for sewage disposal requirements for camping recreational vehicles.  
( Ordinance 2022-4 adopted 9/6/2022 )

**§ 71.13. PROHIBITED USES.**

- (A) School buses and/or school buses converted to camping recreational vehicles are not permitted.
- (B) No truck mounted campers may be used as camping recreational vehicle units separate and apart from the vehicle transporting them.
- (C) Under no circumstance shall any ground tent, storage or utility building, camping recreational vehicle, utility trailer, livestock trailer or other vehicle be used as full time habitation.  
( Ordinance 2022-4 adopted 9/6/2022 )

**§ 71.99. PENALTY.**

Any person violating any provision of this subchapter for which no specific penalty is prescribed shall be subject to sec. 10.99 of this code.  
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