

**CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM

Council Bill 2021-003: AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 114, "Traffic," by enacting a new Article XII, "Utility Vehicles."

MEETING DATE

October 18, 2021

ORIGINATING DEPT

Legal

ATTACHMENTS

Council Bill 2021-003

REVIEWED BY

City Attorney: Peter Edwards; Finance Director Leslie Haase; City Manager: Nicholas Edwards.

SUMMARY

This Council Bill amends Chapter 114, "Traffic," by enacting a new Article XII, "Utility Vehicles."

BACKGROUND

Chapter 304, RSMo., allows cities to regulate the operation of utility vehicles on city streets. The requirements of a new Article XII, "Utility Vehicles," are summarized as follows. On an annual basis, the vehicle must be registered with the City and the owner must pay \$25 in fees. The driver must obey all traffic laws and local ordinances regarding the rules of the road. The driver must have a driver's license, insurance, and be 18 years of age or older. The vehicle may only be operated on streets with a speed limit of forty-five (45) miles per hour or less. The vehicle must have seatbelts, turn signals, headlamps, tail lamps, stop lamps, reflex reflectors, and mirrors. This ordinance does not allow the operation of Go Carts, Golf Carts, or All-Terrain Vehicles/ATVs on the streets.

FUNDING SOURCE

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of this Council Bill on first reading.