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### CHAPTER 6: ATV's and ORV's

#### ARTICLE 23 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

23.01 DEFINITIONS: The terms “ATV” and “ORV” are defined as follows:

1. “All-Terrain Vehicle” or “ATV” means a motorized (gasoline powered) vehicle with not less than three and not more than six non-highway tires that is limited in engine displacement to less than 1,000 cubic centimeters and in total dry weight to less than 1,200 pounds and that has a seat or saddle designed to be straddled by the operator and handlebars for steering control.
2. “OFF-Road Utility Vehicle” or “ORV” means a motorized vehicle with not less than four and not more than eight non-highway tires that is limited in engine displacement to less than 1500 cubic centimeters and in total dry weight to not more than 2,000 pounds and that has a seat that is of bucket or bench design, not intended to be straddled by the operator and a steering wheel or control levers for control.

23.02 GENERAL REGULATIONS: No person shall operate an ATV or ORV within the City limits of George in violation of the provisions of Chapter 321G and 321I of the Code of Iowa or rules established by the Natural Resource Commission of the Department of Natural Resources governing their registration, numbering, equipment and manner of operation.

23.03 OPERATION OF ATVs and ORVs: The operators of ATVs and ORVs shall comply with the following restrictions as to where ATVs and ORVs may be operated within the City.

1. Trails. ATVs and ORVs shall not be operated on bike trails, walking trails, recreation trails or snowmobile trails except where so designed.
2. Private Property. ATV's and ORVs may only be operated on private property with the expressed consent of the owner.
3. Sidewalk Parking. No ATV or ORV shall be operated upon sidewalks unless engaged in snow removal or maintenance activities, nor shall they be operated upon that portion of the street from the curb to the sidewalk or property line, commonly referred to as the “parking”, or any of-street right-of-way, except for the purpose of snow removal, maintenance or landscaping activities.
4. Parks or Other City Land. A special use permit may be issued for the operation of an ATV or ORV in City parks or other City land for special events authorized by the City Council.

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5. Operator License. No person shall operate an ATV or ORV on the public streets of the City without a valid motor vehicle operator's license and who is not at least 18 years of age.
  6. Equipment. All ATVs and ORVs shall be equipped according to the following provisions:
    - a. Mufflers. No person shall operate an ATV or ORV that is not constructed or altered in a manner that noise emitted from the machine exceeds 96 decibels on the A scale when measured in the manner prescribed in the revised 2008-05 Society of Automotive Engineers Standards J1287, titled "Measurement of Exhaust Sound Pressure Levels of Stationary Motorcycles".
    - b. Headlamp, Tail Lamp, Brakes. Every ATV and ORV shall be equipped with a headlight and tail light which shall remain lighted at all times during operation. Every ATV and ORV shall be equipped with brakes in good working condition.
  7. Traffic Code Observed. Any operator of any ATV or ORV must observe all state and local traffic control regulations and devices and shall not operate an ATV or ORV at a speed in excess of that posted, nor at any time operate an ATV or ORV at a speed greater than is reasonable and proper under existing conditions.
  8. Unattended ATVs or ORVs and Parking. No owner of an ATV or ORV shall leave the ATV or ORV unattended on public property while the motor is running or with keys in the ignition switch. Owners and operators of ATVs and ORVs may not be parked on sidewalks or in front yards.
  9. Registration. The owner or operator of an ATV or ORV must maintain current vehicle registration as required by Iowa law.
- 23.04 NEGLIGENCE. The owner and operator of an ATV or ORV are liable for any injury to or damaged caused by the negligent operation of the ATV or ORV. The owner of an ATV or ORV at the time the injury or damage occurred, or if the operator had the owner's consent to operate the ATV or ORV at the time the injury or damage occurred. ATV and ORV operators must carry proof of insurance coverage when operating an ATV or ORV in the City of George.
- 23.05 ACCIDENT REPORTS. Whenever an ATV or ORV is involved in an accident resulting in injury or death to anyone or property damage amounting to \$1,500 or more, either the operator or someone acting for the operator shall immediately notify a law enforcement officer and shall file an accident report within 48 hours, in accordance with State law.

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23.06 TOWING. No items shall be towed by an ATV or ORV unless coupled to said ATV or ORV by a rigid tow bar.

23.07 VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

1. Any person guilty of violating the provisions herein shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of one-hundred dollars (\$100.00).
2. Any person guilty of violating this ordinance two times in a twelve (12) month period shall be subject to a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
3. Any person guilty of violating this ordinance three times in a twelve (12) month period shall be subject to a fine of three-hundred dollars (\$300.00).

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### CHAPTER 7: GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS

#### ARTICLE 24 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

24.01 Golf Carts on City Streets. A golf cart may be allowed to operate on the city streets under the following conditions:

- A. Operator must possess a valid operator's license.
- B. Cart shall not be operated on a city street which is a primary road extension through the city but shall be allowed to cross a city street which is a primary road extension through the city.
- C. Carts operated on city streets shall be equipped with adequate brakes and shall meet any other safety requirements as imposed by the city council.

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1. Any person guilty of violating the provisions herein shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of one-hundred dollars (\$100.00).
2. Any person guilty of violating this ordinance two times in a twelve (12) month period shall be subject to a fine of two-hundred dollars (\$200.00).
3. Any person guilty of violating this ordinance three times in a twelve (12) month period shall be subject to a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

