



## PTV Permit Application

Dear Applicant:

In accordance with the provision of the City of Auburn Ordinance NO. 23-006, each qualified person requesting to operate a golf cart on the designated streets of the City of Auburn shall first make an application to the City of Auburn Permitting Office to obtain its own individual permit decal to be placed on the golf cart.

The owner of every motorized cart/ptv operated on the streets of the city shall cause such cart to be registered with the City of Auburn within ten days of the date of its purchase. Upon such registration the City of Auburn shall issue two numerical identification decals to the owner and shall maintain a record of each identification number, along with the name and address of the registered owner. The identification decals shall be affixed to the front windshield and rear fender area of the car to be fully visible when the car is in operation.

A registration fee of \$50.00 for each PTV shall be payable at the time of registration, and the registration shall be effective for a period of 2 years. If the PTV is transferred to another owner for operation in the city, the registration shall also be transferred to the new owner within ten business days of the date of transfer of the cart, and a transfer fee in the amount of \$50.00 paid to the city.

### **Section 12.40.010 - Definitions.**

For the purposes of this article, the following definitions shall apply, unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

(a) Personal transportation vehicle (to include golf carts meeting definition) means motor vehicle having not less than three (3) wheels in contact with the ground and unladen weight less than one thousand three hundred (1,300) pounds which is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty (20) miles per hour and any motor vehicle having no fewer than four (4) wheels and an unladen weight of one thousand three hundred seventy-five (1,375) pounds or less and which cannot operate at more than twenty (20) miles an hour. Such vehicles may also be referred to as 'motorized carts.' The term does not include mobility aids, including electric personal assistive mobility devices, power wheelchairs and scooters that can be used indoors and outdoors for the express purpose of enabling mobility for a person with a disability. The term also does not include any all-terrain vehicle or multi-purpose off-highway vehicle.

(b) Driver's license means a valid license to operate a motor vehicle issued by the State of Georgia or any other state.

(c) Proof of insurance means documented (written) proof of liability

insurance on the personal transportation vehicle (PTV) insuring against personal injury and damage to property of any nature relative to the operation of a personal transportation vehicle (PTV) on designated city streets and roads in an amount not less than required by Georgia law for motor vehicles operated on public highways in the State of Georgia.

**Section 12.40.020 - Operation of Personal Transportation Vehicle (PTV).**

The City of Auburn adopts O.C.G.A. §§ 40-6-330 through 40-6-369.1 and 40-6-371 "Standards for Operation of Personal Transportation Vehicles (PTV)." Provided all provisions of this article are followed, personal transportation vehicles as defined by O.C.G.A. § 40-1-1(43.1), also known as motorized carts, maybe operated on public roads within the areas designated herein that have a speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour or less during the times specified in this Article.

**Section 12.40.030 - Operator.**

PTVs must always be operated by a licensed driver. Drivers with learner's permits may drive PTVs according to the same rules by which they may drive automobiles.

**Section 12.40.040 - Parking/Driving on Sidewalks.**

PTVs are not permitted to be parked or operated in any way or any amount on a sidewalk, trail or other path unless official municipal signage expressly states otherwise or where the PTV is operated by City employees performing official business.

Privately owned PTVs may not travel on the sidewalk at any time unless official municipal signage expressly states otherwise or where the PTV is operated by City employees performing official business.

**Section 12.40.050 - Operation.**

(a) Privately owned personal transportation vehicle (PTV) may be operated on City streets and roads with a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less only. PTVs may not be operated on Atlanta Highway. PTVs may cross Atlanta Highway only at signalized intersections.

(b) A personal transportation vehicle (PTV) may be operated only during daylight hours between one-half( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour before sunrise and one-half( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour after sunset unless equipped with two (2) operating headlights, taillights, and brake lights that are visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet. Personal transportation vehicle (PTV) shall not be operated at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons or vehicles on the street or roadway at a distance of five hundred (500) feet.

(c) City owned personal transportation vehicles may be operated by City

employees performing official business at any time.

(d) The operation of Privately owned personal transportation vehicle (PTV) may be prohibited or limited during festivals or special events by order of the Chief of Police or his designee.

#### **Section 12.40.060 - Equipment Requirements.**

A gasoline powered personal transportation vehicle (PTV) shall be equipped with factory installed safety systems, including indicator for gasoline or propane leaks, a speed governor and 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 should be equipped, adjusted and tuned, as to prevent the escape of excessive smoke or fumes.

(4) Electric personal transportation vehicles (PTVs) shall be equipped with, at a minimum, all factory installed safety systems and a charge indicator for low battery.

(5) All personal transportation vehicles (PTVs) regulated by this article shall always be maintained in safe condition.

#### **Section 12.40.070 - Occupants**

The number of occupants in a personal transportation vehicle (PTV) shall be limited to the number of persons for whom factory seating is installed and provided on personal transportation vehicle (PTV). The operator or any occupant shall be seated in the personal transportation vehicle (PTV) and no parts of the bodies of the operator, or any occupant shall extend outside the perimeter of the personal transportation vehicle (PTV) while the personal transportation vehicle (PTV) is being operated.

#### **Section 12.40.080 - Traffic Rules**

The operator of the personal transportation vehicle (PTV) shall comply with all traffic rules and regulations adopted by the State of Georgia (O.C.G.A. Title 40) and the City of Auburn which govern the operation of motor vehicles.

**Section 12.40.090 - Hazardous Activities.**

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

- (a) Racing of any kind.
- (b) Blocking of public access.
- (c) Vehicles shall not loiter or park on roads, bridges or in the path of other vehicular traffic.
- (e) Pedestrians and larger vehicles shall be given right-of-way to ensure safe passage.
- (f) An audible warning shall be given by operators of personal transportation vehicle (PTV) when approaching pedestrians from the rear.
- (g) All laws and ordinances relative to alcohol and the use thereof in a motor vehicle, including open container laws, apply to the operator and occupants of personal transportation vehicle (PTV).

**Section 12.40.100 - Penalty.**

A violation of any provision of this article shall constitute a violation of the Auburn City Code. An owner, lessee or operator may be cited to appear in the Auburn Municipal Court. Upon finding by such court that an owner, lessee, or operator of a personal transportation vehicle (PTV) has violated any provision of this article, such person shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 for each offense, along with court costs in the amount that now exists or may hereafter be determined by ordinance or statute.

**Section 12.40.110 - Exclusions.**

Owners or operators of personal transportation vehicle (PTV) upon private property, within the confines of a golf course or crossing a public street at a designated golf cart crossing shall not be subject to the requirements of this article.

**Section 12.40.120 - Liability Disclaimer.**

This section is adopted to address the interest of public safety. Personal transportation vehicles (PTV) are not designed or manufactured to be used on public streets, and the City of Auburn in no way advocates or endorses their operation on public streets or roads. The city, by regulating such operation is merely trying to address obvious safety issues, and adoption of this section is not to be relied upon as a determination that operating on public streets is safe or advisable if done in accordance with this section. All persons who

their own risk and peril, and must be observant of, and attentive to the safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, other motorists, bicycles, and pedestrians. The City of Auburn has no liability under any theory of liability and the city assumes no liability for permitting personal transportation vehicle (PTV) on public streets and roads. Any person who owns or operates a personal transportation vehicle (PTV) is responsible for procuring liability insurance sufficient to cover the risk involved in using a personal transportation vehicle (PTV) on the public streets and roads.

**Section 12.40.130 - Registration and Affidavit of Owner; Fee.**

The owner of a personal transportation vehicle (PTV) must register the PTV with the city once every two (2) years for a fee of \$50.00.

As part of the registration process, each owner shall be required to sign an affidavit that the information provided by the owner on the registration form is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and that the owner will abide by all City of Auburn laws and regulations regarding ownership and operation of a PTV, as well as any applicable state law. As part of the registration process, the owner of a personal transportation vehicle (PTV) must read and acknowledge the City of Auburn's PTV ordinance and rules for operation and must agree to ensure any operator of the registered vehicle is familiar with and understands the same. As part of the registration process, the owner of a personal transportation vehicle (PTV) must acknowledge and agree to ensure any operator of the registered vehicle is licensed and insured.

**Conflict**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances which conflict with this ordinance and the applicable code are hereby repealed. Should any portion of this ordinance be determined to be unconstitutional or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the rest and remainder of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**Effective Date**

This ordinance and the authority granted by and through it shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and Council of the City of Auburn, Georgia.

**Severability**

If any portion of this ordinance is determined to be unconstitutional or invalid, the rest and remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, as if enacted without the portion declared unconstitutional or invalid.



## Application for PTV Permit

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Make of PTV \_\_\_\_\_ Model Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gas       Electric

The permit decal must be affixed to the front windshield and rear fender, and that said permit is good for 2 years from date of issuance.

I have read and understood the terms of the City's Personal Transportation Vehicles Ordinance (Chapter 12-40), and I agree to abide by all the provisions of the City's Ordinance and State law. I understand that, as the registered cart owner, I accept both legal and civil responsibility for any actions committed during the operation and use of the cart and understand that I may be charged for any violation under the City's Ordinance. I acknowledge and agree that the operator of the vehicle must be licensed and insured. I certify that the information contained herein is true and correct.

Applicant's signature (full name)

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### Office Use Only

Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved  Denied      Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason Denied: \_\_\_\_\_

City Of Auburn Permitting Approval \_\_\_\_\_



## Check List for PTV Owners

**Your signature confirms that your PTV possesses all the equipment listed below, which is necessary before a permit can be issued. Failure to have any of the safety equipment outlined on this checklist may result in a fine or citation.**

- Seatbelts
- Windshield
- Exhaust (if gas operated)
- Horn
- Headlights
- Taillights
- Brake Lights
- Brakes
- Turn Signals
- Rear View Mirror

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Things to Remember for Golf Carts**

- Golf carts are prohibited on state routes.
- Golf carts are prohibited on any street that is posted in excess of 35 miles per hour.
- A golf cart is considered a motor vehicle and traffic laws apply, including offenses such as DUI and reckless driving.
- Be considerate of vehicles around you and allow them to pass, keeping as far to the right as possible.
- No riding on sidewalks.
- Seatbelts required.