

MERCER COUNTY
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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-08
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MERCERCOUNTY FISCAL COURT RELATING TO
STREET-LEGAL SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES**

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 Mercer County Fiscal Court has determined that it is appropriate to allow the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles on specified highways within the jurisdictional boundaries of County in accordance with the Act and this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the fiscal court of county of Mercer,
Commonwealth of Kentucky:

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SECTION 1.

Definitions

The definitions set forth in Section 1(1) of the 2025 Ky. Acts ch. 89 (hereinafter "the Act"), and as may be amended in the future by the Kentucky General Assembly, are adopted and incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein.

SECTION 2.

Designated Highways

Street-legal special purpose vehicles shall be allowed, to the extent permitted by the Act, on all roadways that are located within the jurisdictional limits of Mercer County except as prohibited by this ordinance:

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 Mercer County unless allowed by this ordinance, specifically U.S. Highway 127 and all portions of the U.S. 127 bypass:
- (b) On any highway, or portion thereof, that is a controlled access system, including but not limited to an interstate or parkway, specifically the Martha Lane Collins Bluegrass Parkway:
- (c) On any highway, or portion thereof, where the United States Department of Agriculture prohibits special purpose vehicles:

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- (d) On any roadway independently controlled and maintained by the City of Harrodsburg and City of Burgin.

SECTION 4.

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.

SECTION 4.


Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective on August 15, 2025.

The forgoing ordinance having received its first reading on the 8th day of July, 2025 was given its second reading and passed by the fiscal court of Mercer County on this the 29 day of July 2025.


MERCER COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:


MERCER COUNTY FISCAL COURT CLERK

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