

**TITLE 7
MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**

**CHAPTER 5
GOLF CARTS, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, AND UTILITY-TYPE VEHICLES**

7-5-1: DEFINITIONS:

For the purposes of this chapter, these terms shall be defined as follows:

A. ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE (“ATV”): *See* definition of ATV in Idaho Code (section 67-7101(1) or like provision subsequently enacted).

B. GOLF CART: ~~Every self-propelled vehicle upon three (3) or more wheels, in, upon or by which, any person or property, particularly golf clubs or golf equipment, may be carried or transported.~~ A specialty off-highway vehicle originally designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting purposes.

C. SECTION MILE: The square mile of land between the section line roads within the City of Meridian, as defined in the Meridian Comprehensive Plan, to-wit: Chinden, McMillan, Ustick, Fairview, Franklin, Overland, Victory, Amity, Lake Hazel, Columbia, Can-Ada, Star, McDermott, Black Cat, Ten Mile, Linder, Meridian, Locust Grove, Eagle, and any other roadways that follow surveying section lines as additional areas are added to the Meridian Comprehensive Plan.

D. UTILITY-TYPE VEHICLE (“UTV”): *See* definition of UTV in Idaho Code (section 67-7101(17) or like provision subsequently enacted).

7-5-2: PUBLIC STREET DESIGNATIONS:

The Ada County Highway District (ACHD) has designated all public streets in Meridian as arterial, collector, or local streets. All references to such terms in this chapter shall have the meaning and definition as established by ACHD therefor.

7-5-23: OPERATION OF ATVs, UTVs, AND GOLF CARTS ON PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY:

No person shall operate an ATV, UTV, or golf cart on any public street, sidewalk, pathway, or alley within the City of Meridian. The following exceptions shall apply:

A. Persons may operate golf carts on streets within the following described approximate square mile, in which the Lakeview golf course is located: North of the north street right of way line of Cherry Lane; east of the east street right of way line of Black Cat Road; south of the south street right of way line of Ustick Road; and west of the west street right of way line of Ten Mile Road. No person shall operate a golf cart on, or in, the right of way of Cherry Lane, Black Cat Road, Ustick Road, or Ten Mile Road.

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- B. The operator of Lakeview golf course and its employees may operate its equipment on streets, sidewalks, or pathways, while in transit from the storage equipment area to the golf course.
- C. Residents of Meadow Lake Village subdivision shall be allowed to operate golf carts to travel within the subdivision, which is located south of Franklin Road, east of Eagle Road, and north of Interstate 84.
- D. Residents of ~~Spurwing Heights subdivision~~ the SpurWing community shall be allowed to operate golf carts to travel within the subdivision, which is located north of Chinden Boulevard, between N. Black Cat Road and N. ~~Ten Mile~~ Linder Road.
- E. Persons may operate golf carts on privately owned land or premises, and on golf courses, as allowed by the owner or operator thereof.
- F. Persons may operate ATVs and UTVs on privately owned land or premises, as allowed by the owner or operator thereof.
- G. Persons may operate ATVs and UTVs, ~~for the limited purpose of loading, unloading, and testing recent repairs or maintenance,~~ on local streets ~~immediately adjacent to the location at which the ATV or UTV is loaded, unloaded, repaired, or maintained~~ within the section mile in which the residence of the owner of such ATV or UTV is located. No person shall operate an ATV or UTV on an arterial or collector street.

7-5-34: ATV, UTV, AND GOLF CART OPERATION REGULATIONS:

The following regulations shall apply to the operation of an ATV, UTV, or golf cart on a public street, sidewalk, pathway, or alley:

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person who is not a duly licensed motor vehicle driver to drive or operate an ATV, UTV, or golf cart ~~on a public street, sidewalk, pathway, or alley~~.
- B. It shall be unlawful to operate a golf cart at a speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour.
- C. It shall be unlawful to drive or operate an ATV, UTV, or golf cart ~~on a public street, sidewalk, pathway, or alley~~ while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- D. It shall be unlawful to operate a ATV, UTV, or golf cart ~~on a public street~~ in a careless or heedless manner, or without due caution and circumspection or at a speed or in a manner as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property.
- E. Persons operating an ATV, UTV, or golf cart shall conform to all vehicular traffic controls and shall abide by all traffic laws, rules and regulations, including the liability insurance requirements as set forth in Idaho Code for motor vehicles.
- F. It shall be unlawful to operate an ATV, UTV, or golf cart ~~on public or private property~~ unless it is equipped with the following, in addition to any other equipment required by state or federal law:

1. Brake: At least one brake which may be operated by hand or foot and at least one parking brake. Such brakes may be controlled by one mechanism but if in one mechanism, the brake must be capable of being locked on for parking purposes.
2. Muffler: If the golf cart is propelled by an internal combustion engine, it must have a muffler in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise and annoying smoke. No person shall use a muffler cutout, bypass or similar device.

7-5-45: PENALTY:

Any person convicted of a violation of this chapter shall be guilty of an infraction, punishable by a fine of twenty five dollars (\$25.00), exclusive of court costs. Drivers operating an ATV, UTV, or golf cart on public roadways shall be subject to all state and local traffic laws, rules, and regulations applicable to motor vehicles, and shall be subject to all penalties related to a violation thereof.