

**CITY OF GREENVILLE, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE 2025-9-02**

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF STREET-LEGAL
SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES**

SECTION 1. RECITALS

WHEREAS, during the regular session of the 2025 Kentucky General Assembly, Senate Bill 63 (2025 Ky. Acts Ch. 89) was enacted, creating KRS 186.078 and authorizing local governments to permit the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles (SLSPVs) on public highways within their jurisdictions effective June 27, 2025;

WHEREAS, the City of Greenville finds it appropriate to establish reasonable safety, registration, and operational requirements for SLSPVs to protect public safety and traffic flow;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Greenville, Kentucky, as follows:

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

A. Street-Legal Special Purpose Vehicle (SLSPV): Any vehicle classified as a “special purpose vehicle” under KRS 186.077 and rendered street-legal by meeting the equipment, inspection, registration, and insurance requirements set forth in state law and this ordinance.

B. All other definitions set forth in KRS 186.077 and KRS 186.078 are adopted by reference as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 3. PERMITTED HIGHWAYS

A. SLSPVs may operate only on public roads and highways within the City of Greenville jurisdiction that meet the following criteria:

- i. Posted speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour or less.
- ii. Routes approved by the City's Chief of Police and Street Department Superintendent and published annually.

SECTION 4. EQUIPMENT, INSPECTION, REGISTRATION, AND INSURANCE

A. SLSPVs shall comply with all applicable federal and state statutes and regulations, including but not limited to:

- i. Inspection by the Muhlenberg County Sheriff's Office as provided in KRS 186A.115.
- ii. Registration pursuant to KRS 186.020 and 186.050.
- iii. Insurance requirements under KRS 304.39-110.

B. SLSPVs must be equipped at all times with all of the following:

- i. One (1) or more headlamps;
- ii. One (1) or more tail lamps;
- iii. One (1) or more brake lamps;
- iv. A trail lamp or other lamp constructed and placed to illuminate the registration plate with a white light;
- v. One (1) or more red reflectors on the rear of the vehicle;
- vi. An amber electric turn system, one (1) on each side of the front of the vehicle;
- vii. Amber or red electric turn signals on the rear of the vehicle;

- viii. A braking system, other than a parking brake;
- ix. A horn or other warning device;
- x. A working muffler;
- xi. Rearview mirrors on the right and left side of the driver;
- xii. A windshield, unless the operator of the vehicle wears eye protection while operating the vehicle;
- xiii. A speedometer, illuminated for nighttime operation;
- xiv. A roll bar or roll cage;
- xv. For multi-passenger vehicles, a seatbelt assembly that conforms to the federal motor vehicle safety standard provided in 49 C.F.R. sec. 571.209 for each designated seating position; and
- xvi. Tires that have at least two thirty-seconds ($2/32$) of an inch or greater tire tread.
- xvii. The SLSPV shall conform with all requirements of KRS 186.077.

C. The City shall charge a nominal administrative fee to cover inspection coordination and issuance of a City SLSPV decal.

SECTION 5. OPERATOR QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Operators must be at least sixteen (16) years of age and hold a valid Kentucky motor vehicle operator's license.
- B. Operators shall obey all traffic laws and yield right-of-way to faster vehicles.

SECTION 6. OPERATIONAL RESTRICTIONS

A. SLSPVs shall not:

i. Travel more than twenty (20) miles on a highway displaying centerline pavement markings.

ii. Operate on any highway where the posted speed limit exceeds thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

iii. Be operated on public roadways within the City of Greenville between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM, unless:

a. The operator is engaged in an emergency or essential activity; or

b. The vehicle is being used for municipal, utility, or law enforcement purposes.

B. Operation under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances is prohibited.

SECTION 7. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

Any person who violates this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) per offense, plus any applicable state or federal penalties.

SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

Dated: the 11th day of September, 2025.

First reading: August 14, 2025
Second reading: September 11, 2025
Passed: September 11, 2025



Ed DeArmond, Mayor
City of Greenville, Kentucky

Attest:



Leslie Cornette, City Clerk

Voting Yea:

Councilmembers Curry, Sparks, Travis, Walters, West

Voting Nay:
