

## City of De Soto Regulations on Allowable Vehicles

### Chapter 14 Article 6 of De Soto City Code: Golf Carts, Work-Site Utility Vehicles, and Micro Utility Trucks

This summary outlines regulations pertaining to the operation of various alternative vehicles within the City of De Soto. Definitions of each vehicle type are included on pages two and three of this document. Details including weight limits and restrictions on uses can be found in Ordinance 2589. Download a permit application [here](#). Please call City Hall at 913.586.5250 to schedule a time to drop off your application and have your vehicle inspected.

#### 14-602: Golf Carts

- Golf carts are allowed on streets, roads, and alleys within the city with a speed limit of 30 mph or less. They may cross streets with higher speed limits.

#### 14-603: Work-Site Utility Vehicles (UTVs)

- UTVs can be operated on city streets and roads with posted speed limits up to 45 mph. They may not be operated on interstates, federal highways, or state highways but may cross these highways with higher speed limits.
- UTVs must have the following specified safety equipment: stop lamps, tail lamps, reflectors, brakes, mirrors, and seat belts.

#### 14-604: Micro Utility Trucks

- Micro utility trucks can be operated on city streets and roads with posted speed limits up to 45 mph. They may not be operated on interstates, federal highways, or state highways but may cross these highways with higher speed limits.
- Micro utility trucks must have the following specified safety equipment: stop lamps, tail lamps, reflectors, brakes, horn, mirrors, seat belts, and a roll bar.

#### 14-605: Requirements Applicable to all Allowed Vehicles

- All operators of golf carts, UTVs, and micro utility trucks are subject to applicable traffic laws.
- Vehicle owners must register their allowed vehicles with the city, provide a valid driver's license, proof of liability insurance, photos of vehicle, and pay the required fees.
- Permits for allowed vehicles may be revoked for violations, but owners have the right to appeal within five business days.
- Allowed vehicles must not carry more passengers than designated seats, and occupants must wear seat belts if provided.
- These vehicles must have headlights, brake lights, and taillights if operated between sunset and sunrise.
- Operators must possess a valid unrestricted driver's license.
- Operating an allowed vehicle in violation of the city's noise regulations is prohibited.

**14-606: All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), Pocket Bikes, and Motorized Scooters**

- The operation of ATVs, pocket bikes, and motorized scooters on city streets, roads, and alleys is prohibited.

**14-607: Violations; Traffic Infraction; Penalties**

- Violations of these regulations are considered traffic infractions and are subject to penalties in accordance with the law.

These regulations are put in place to ensure the safe operation of various alternative vehicles within the City of De Soto while minimizing potential nuisances and hazards. Residents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with these rules and comply with them for the safety and well-being of the community.

**Definitions and Photographic Examples**

Types of Vehicles	Photo
<b>Allowed Vehicles</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Golf Cart:</b> A motor vehicle with no fewer than three wheels, an unladen weight not exceeding 1,800 pounds, designed for speeds up to 25 mph, and capable of carrying up to four people, including the driver.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Work-site Utility Vehicle (UTV):</b> A motor vehicle with a width of at least 48 inches, an unladen weight of more than 800 pounds, and equipped with four or more nonhighway tires, steering wheel, and seating for at least two people side by side.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Micro Utility Truck:</b> A motor vehicle with a width of at least 48 inches, an overall length not exceeding 160 inches, unladen weight more than 1500 pounds, capable of speeds over 40 mph, and featuring a metal cab.</li> </ul>	

\*See Ordinance 2589 for further explanation.

### Prohibited Vehicles

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV):</b> <u>As defined by state law are prohibited.*</u></li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Pocket Bike:</b> A small device with two tandem or three wheels, powered by a gasoline engine, with specific height and identification criteria <u>are prohibited.*</u></li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Motorized Scooter:</b> A vehicle with a footboard between two small wheels, propelled by an electric or gasoline motor <u>are prohibited.*</u></li></ul>	

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