

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS  
WILL CONVENE IN SPECIAL WORKSHOP SESSION**



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026, AT 4:30 PM  
KATY CITY HALL, 901 AVENUE C, KATY, TEXAS 77493  
MAYOR DUSTY THIELE WILL PRESIDE**

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**AGENDA**

**1) Call to Order**

**2) Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge to the U.S. Flag, Pledge to the Texas Flag**

*(Honor the Texas flag, I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.)*

**3) Public Comments**

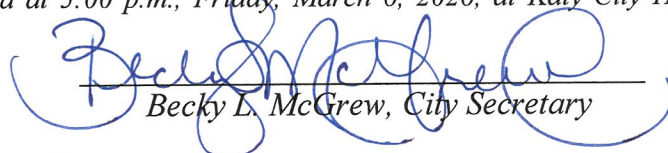
*Comment Period for Any Person Desiring to Comment on Any Items on the Agenda; and on Any Matter of Interest to City Council That is Not on the Agenda. [Speakers are Required to State Name and Address] A Time Limit of Three (3) Minutes Shall Govern Each Speaker for the first Thirty (30) Minutes of Public Comments. Any Additional Speakers Signed Up Following the Initial Thirty (30) Minutes of Public Comments Shall Be Governed by a Time Limit of One (1) Minute Each. There Shall be No Discussion of Comments by Councilmembers. (Ordinance No. 3103)*

**4) Presentation & Discussion**

Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 12 “Traffic and Vehicles” of Katy Code of Ordinances, Adding Section 12.09 “Off-Highway Vehicles”, Adopting Regulations of Off-Highway Vehicles on Public Roadways in the City Limits (ATV, golf carts, NEVs)

**5) Adjourn**

*I hereby certify posting this Notice and Agenda at 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 6, 2026, at Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas.*

  
Becky L. McGrew, City Secretary

*The meeting will live stream at <https://www.cityofkaty.com/live>. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act reasonable accommodations or interpretive services may be requested by contacting the Office of the City Secretary not later than twenty-four hours before the scheduled time of the meeting. Please email [citysecretary@cityofkaty.com](mailto:citysecretary@cityofkaty.com) or call (281) 391-4815 to confirm with City Secretary staff.*

**NOTICE OF POSSIBLE QUORUM:**

*A Quorum of Various City Boards May Be Present At The Meeting.  
However, No Official Action Of These Boards Will Be Taken.*

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES" OF THE KATY CODE OF ORDINANCES ADDING SECTION 12 "OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES" ADOPTING REGULATIONS OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS IN THE CITY LIMITS; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$200.00; AUTHORIZING THE CITY SECRETARY TO PUBLISH ONLY THE CAPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Katy, Texas is authorized under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas to enact regulations to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that off-highway vehicles are being routinely used as a means of mobility within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 551 of the Texas Transportation Code authorizes municipalities to regulate or prohibit the operation of off-highway vehicles on public streets, roads, and rights of within their jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes it to be in the best interest of the safety of its citizens to enact certain regulations of off-highway vehicles. **Now therefore**,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS THAT:**

**Section 1.** The findings above are found to be true and hereby incorporated herein.

**Section 2.** Section 12.09 "Off-highway vehicles" is hereby adopted and added to Chapter 12 "Traffic and Vehicles" of the Katy Code of Ordinances as shown in **EXHIBIT A** to this Ordinance.

**Section 3.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict, hereby repealed.

**Section 4.** Any person who shall intentionally, knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence, violate any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$200.00 in accordance with the City of Katy Code of Ordinances.

**Section 5.** In the event any clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Council of the City of Katy, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part.

**Section 6.** The City Secretary is authorized to publish the caption or a summary of this ordinance as allowed by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2026.

**EXHIBIT A**

## Chapter 12 Traffic and Vehicles

### Article 12.09 Off-highway vehicles

#### 12.09.001 Definitions

All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) shall mean a motor vehicle that has a seat or seats for the rider and one passenger; has three or more tires; is not more than 50" wide; is designed for off-highway use; and is not designed by the manufacturer for farm or lawn care.

Daylight Hours shall mean the period beginning one-half hour before sunrise and ending one-half hour after sunset.

Golf Cart(s) shall mean a motor vehicle designed by the manufacturer primarily for use on a golf course.

Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) shall mean a vehicle with a maximum speed of 35 miles per hour; four tires; seat belts; head and tail lights; a windshield; a parking brake; turn signals; rear-view mirrors; brake lights; reflectors; and a valid 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

Operator shall mean the person driving and having physical control over the Unique Vehicle.

Owner shall mean the person holding title to the Unique Vehicle.

#### 12.09.002 Regulations

Operation of ATVs is prohibited on public roadways within the City limits.

Operation of Golf Carts and NEVs is allowed within the City limits except on the following roadways: Avenue D, Highway 90, Morton Road, and Kingsland Boulevard.

Operation of Golf Carts and NEVs is authorized during daylight hours in accordance with state traffic laws on public roadways except as designated herein.

Golf Carts and NEVs are further subject to the following requirements:

- (a) The operator shall be a licensed driver as provided by Chapter 521 of the Texas Transportation Code, as amended, and carry a valid driver's license as provided by Chapter 521 of the Texas Transportation Code, as amended.

- (b) Golf carts and NEVs are required to have and visibly display the registration and license plate issued by the County tax assessor-collector's office.
- (c) The operator shall abide by all traffic regulations applicable to vehicular traffic.
- (d) Golf Carts and NEVs are prohibited on sidewalks, trails, and other pedestrian pathways.
- (e) Passengers shall be limited to the seating capacity as designated by the manufacturer.
- (f) The operator and all passengers under the age of eighteen (18) shall be restrained by a seatbelt.
- (g) The owner shall maintain motor vehicle liability insurance in an amount equal to or greater than the amount of coverage that is required by the State. Proof of same shall be produced upon request.
- (h) Golf Cart and NEVs are prohibited from pulling or towing trailers, boats, jet skis, or other objects on public roadways and in the right of way unless the item being towed is within the weight, width, length, and height specification of the off-highway vehicle and in compliance with the Texas Department of Public Safety, including lighting requirements. Golf Carts and NEVs prohibited from pulling people on items being pulled or towed.
- (i) Four wheelers, dirt bikes, and any other motor vehicle that are not defined or eligible for a licensed plate by the County tax-assessor collector are prohibited from any roadway inside the city limits.
- (j) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate an Golf Cart or NEV on a public roadway in violation of the provisions of this article or state law.