

**CITY OF RUSSELLVILLE, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE 2025-07**

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO STREET-LEGAL SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES

WHEREAS, 2025 Ky. Acts ch. 89 (hereinafter “the Act”) 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 was passed on March 26, 2025, and became effective Friday, June 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Russellville City Council has determined that it is appropriate to allow the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles on streets and highways within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Russellville in accordance with the Act and this ordinance, unless otherwise excepted herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of Russellville, Kentucky as follows:

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 the streets or highways, or portions thereof, that are located within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Russellville where the speed limit is 55 miles per hour or less.

SECTION 3.

Exceptions

Street-legal special purpose vehicles shall not be allowed to operate:

- (a) On any street or highway, or portion thereof, located within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Russellville unless allowed by this ordinance.
- (b) On any street or highway, or portion thereof, that is a controlled access system, including but not limited to an interstate or parkway; or
- (c) On any street or highway, or portion thereof, where the United States Department of Agriculture prohibits special purpose vehicles.

SECTION 4.

Prohibitions

- (a) Street-legal special purpose vehicles are prohibited from traveling a distance greater than twenty (20) miles on a street or highway displaying centerline pavement markings.
- (b) Minitrucks shall not be operated as street-legal special purpose vehicles on a street or highway that has been constructed pursuant to a federal highway program.

SECTION 5.

- (a) The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any sentence, clause, or part of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any particular state of case is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or repeal any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses or sections or parts of this Ordinance, it being the legislative intent of this body to ordain and in act each other.
- (b) All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith now in effect, to the extent of said conflict, are hereby repealed.
- (c) This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication as required by law.

FIRST READING conducted on August 5, 2025.

SECOND READING AND PASSAGE on August 19th, 2025.

APPROVED:

By: Mark Stratton
Mark Stratton, Mayor
City of Russellville

ATTEST:

By: Jennifer Manflier
City Clerk
City of Russellville

At a meeting of the City Council of the City of Russellville, Kentucky, held on August 19th, 2025, the foregoing ordinance was adopted, after full discussion, by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

Pat Bell

Larry Wilcutt

Jimmy Davenport

Sandra Kinser

Diane Walker

Rich Ewald