

ORDINANCE 2025-5

AN ORDINANCE OF THE HOPKINS COUNTY FISCAL COURT RELATING TO STREET-LEGAL SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES

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

WHEREAS, the Hopkins County Fiscal Court has determined that it is appropriate to allow the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles on specified highways within the jurisdictional boundaries of Hopkins County in accordance with the Act and this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the fiscal court of county of Hopkins, Commonwealth of Kentucky:

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 highways, or portions thereof, that are located within the jurisdictional limits of Hopkins County 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 highway, or portion thereof, located within the jurisdictional limits of Hopkins County unless allowed by this ordinance.
- (b) On any highway, or portion thereof, that is a controlled access system, including but not limited to an interstate or parkway; or
- (c) On any 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 highway displaying centerline pavement markings.
- (b) Minitrucks shall not be operated as street-legal special purpose vehicles on a highway that has been constructed pursuant to a federal highway program.

SECTION 4.

Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective on _____ (not earlier than June 27, 2025).

This Ordinance presented for first reading on the 15th day of July, 2025, by the Hopkins County Fiscal Court, and passing by a vote of _____ YES and _____ NO, and was presented for second reading on the 5th day of August, 2025, by the Hopkins Fiscal Court, and passing by a vote of _____ YES and _____ NO.

JACK WHITFIELD, JR, JUDGE-EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

HOPKINS COUNTY FISCAL COURT CLERK