

**ORDINANCE 2025-03**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MORTONS GAP, KENTUCKY, IN HOPKINS COUNTY, 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 City of Mortons Gap has determined that it is appropriate to allow the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles on specified highways within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Mortons Gap in accordance with the Act and this ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED** by the City of Mortons Gap in the 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 the City of Mortons Gap 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 the City of Mortons Gap 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 September 8, 2025.

This Ordinance presented for a first reading on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2025 and was given its second reading and passed by the City Council of the City of Mortons Gap on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.

/s/ Chris Phelps

MAYOR CHRIS PHELPS

ATTEST:

/s/ Kara Erickson

KARA ERICKSON, CITY CLERK