

THE CITY OF CAMILLA IS A



GOLF CART FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-07-21-1

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMILLA TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE AND OPERATION OF PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES ON THE MUNICIPAL STREETS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES; TO PROVIDE FOR OPERATIONAL AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the public streets of the City of Camilla are largely designated for traffic flow at thirty-five (35) miles per hour or less; and

WHEREAS, the flow of such streets will not be obstructed or impeded by the use of personal transportation vehicles; and

WHEREAS, personal transportation vehicles may serve a number of legitimate needs to the public including fuel conservation, reduction in noise pollution and tourism; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. Section 40-6-331 authorizes a local governing authority to, by ordinance, permit the use of personal transportation vehicles on certain public streets or portions thereof and to regulate the conditions under which they may be operated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Camilla, and it is hereby ordained by authority of same:

Section 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Camilla shall be amended by adding "Chapter 5 – Personal Transportation Vehicles" to Title 10. This shall consist of Sections 10-5-1 through 10-5-9, the text of which is attached hereto and identified as Exhibit "A".

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

So ORDAINED, this 21st day of July, 2015.

CITY OF CAMILLA

By: Vernon Twitty Jr
Vernon Twitty, Mayor

Attest: Cheryl Ford
Cheryl Ford, City Clerk

First Reading: June 8, 2015

Second Reading: July 21, 2015



Exhibit "A"

ARTICLE III

DIVISION 4. – PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES.

Sec. 10-5-1 – Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section:

Driver means the person driving and having physical control over a Personal Transportation Vehicle.

Personal Transportation Vehicle (PTV) means any motor vehicle: (1) with a minimum of four wheels; (2) capable of a maximum level ground speed of less than 20 miles per hour; (3) with a maximum gross vehicle unladen or empty weight of 1,375 pounds; and (4) capable of transporting not more than eight persons.

Owner means the person holding title to the PTV who has a majority ownership interest in the PTV.

Parking area means those areas accessible to the public by motor vehicular traffic and which are designated for the temporary parking of motor vehicles, usually in places referred to as parking lots.

Authorized street means a public roadway of the city by whatever name (e.g. road, alley, avenue, highway, route, boulevard, etc.) that:

- (1) Has a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less;
- (2) Provides for no more than one lane of vehicular traffic per direction;
- (3) Is not designated as part of either the state or federal highway system;
- (4) Has not been designated as an unauthorized street by ordinance or resolution by the city council.

Unauthorized street means a public roadway of the city by whatever name (e.g. road, alley, avenue, highway, route, boulevard, etc.) that has been designated by the city council by ordinance or resolution as an unauthorized street.

Sec. 10-5-2 – Registration.

Before any PTV may be operated over an authorized street or parking area of the city it shall be registered with and inspected by the Camilla Police Department. If the PTV is compliant with local and State law, then a decal shall be issued from that department signifying its registration. The registration requirements include the following specifics:

- (1) Only those persons 18 years of age or older may register a PTV;
- (2) The person registering the PTV must be the Owner of the PTV;

- (3) The decal received from the Camilla Police Department upon Registration shall be attached and displayed upon the PTV so as to be plainly visible;
- (4) The registration application shall be made on a form supplied by the City and shall contain the following information:
 - a. Name and address of owner.
 - b. Model, make, name and PTV identification number.
 - c. Current driver's license number of owner and all authorized drivers.
 - d. Such other information as the City may require.
- (5) The registration application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$15.00.
- (6) The registration application shall be accompanied by evidence of personal liability insurance coverage consistent with the minimum requirements of Georgia law for operational motor vehicles.
- (7) The registration shall be renewed annually during the month of January. If the PTV is transferred to a new owner, the new owner must immediately register the PTV before it is operated in the City. The former owner must also notify the Camilla Police Department of the transfer.
- (8) It shall be the owner of the PTV's responsibility to ensure the information on the application remains current and accurate.

The Camilla City Council may, at its discretion, waive registration requirements for city sponsored special events of a limited duration.

Sec. 10-5-3 – Revocation.

The registration permit may be revoked if:

- (1) The permit holder no longer has a valid driver's license.
- (2) The owner or driver of a PTV fails to abide by the rules and regulations of this article.
- (3) The owner or driver of a PTV fails to abide by the traffic laws in use for a PTV on an authorized street or parking area.

Sec. 10-5-4 – Transfer.

Upon transfer of ownership of the PTV to a person who intends to operate it over the authorized streets and parking areas, the new owner must register the PTV as outlined herein above. Such registration by the new owner must occur within ten (10) days of the transfer of ownership.

Sec. 10-5-5 – Operation regulations.

- (a) It shall be unlawful to operate a PTV on any street within the City of Camilla that is not an authorized street.
- (b) Only those persons who hold a valid motor vehicle driver's license and who are on the approved driver's list provided by the owner to the Camilla Police Department at the time of registration may drive a PTV on the authorized streets and parking areas of the city.
- (c) All drivers of PTVs shall abide by all traffic regulations applicable to vehicular traffic when using the authorized streets and parking areas of the city.

- (d) A PTV shall not be operated on the sidewalks at any time.
- (e) Every driver of a PTV shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all of the rules of the road and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle.
- (f) All PTVs are entitled to a full use of a lane on the authorized streets and parking areas of the city and no motor vehicle shall be driven in such a manner as to deprive any PTV of the full use of a lane.
- (g) The driver of a PTV shall not overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken.
- (h) No driver shall operate a PTV between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles.
- (i) The driver of a PTV operating on an authorized street may cross a multi-lane road only at a signalized intersection designated for such purpose.
- (j) The driver of a PTV operating on an authorized street may cross a state or federal route only at intersections that have been designated for such purposes by the Georgia Department of Transportation.
- (k) All laws and ordinances relative to alcohol and its use, including open container laws, which apply to traffic on the streets of the city shall also apply to drivers and occupants of PTVs.
- (l) All drivers and passengers must remain seated at all times during the operation of the PTV. No person may sit on the driver's lap during the operation of the PTV.

Sec. 10-5-6 – Equipment.

Each PTV shall be equipped with each of the following safety devices:

- (a) A braking system sufficient for the weight and passenger capacity of the vehicle including a parking brake;
- (b) A reverse warning device functional at all times when the directional control is in the reverse position;
- (c) A main power switch. When the switch is in the “off” position or the key or other device that activates the switch is removed, the motive power circuit shall be inoperative. If the switch uses a key, it shall be removable only in the “off” position;
- (d) Head lamps;
- (e) Reflex reflectors;
- (f) Tail lamps;
- (g) Front and rear turn signals;
- (h) A horn;
- (i) A rearview mirror;
- (j) Safety warning labels; and
- (k) Hip restraints and hand holds or a combination thereof.

Sec. 10-5-7 – Liability.

Nothing in this article shall be construed as an assumption of liability by the City of Camilla for any injuries to persons or property which may result from the operation of a PTV or by the failure of the city to revoke said permit.

Sec. 10-5-8 – Penalties.

Any person who violates the terms of this article shall be punished as follows:

In addition to whatever violations of the driver of a PTV may be subject to pursuant to Georgia law and or Code of Municipal Ordinances, the registered owner of the PTV shall be subject to the following civil penalties:

- (1) For the first offense a fine of not less than \$50.00; and, if not timely paid, revocation of the permit.
- (2) For the second offense, a fine of not less than \$100.00; and, if not timely paid, revocation of the permit.
- (3) For the third offense, the registration for the PTV shall be revoked. In the event the registration is revoked under this section, the PTV cannot thereafter be re-registered by the same owner or any family member for a period of two years.

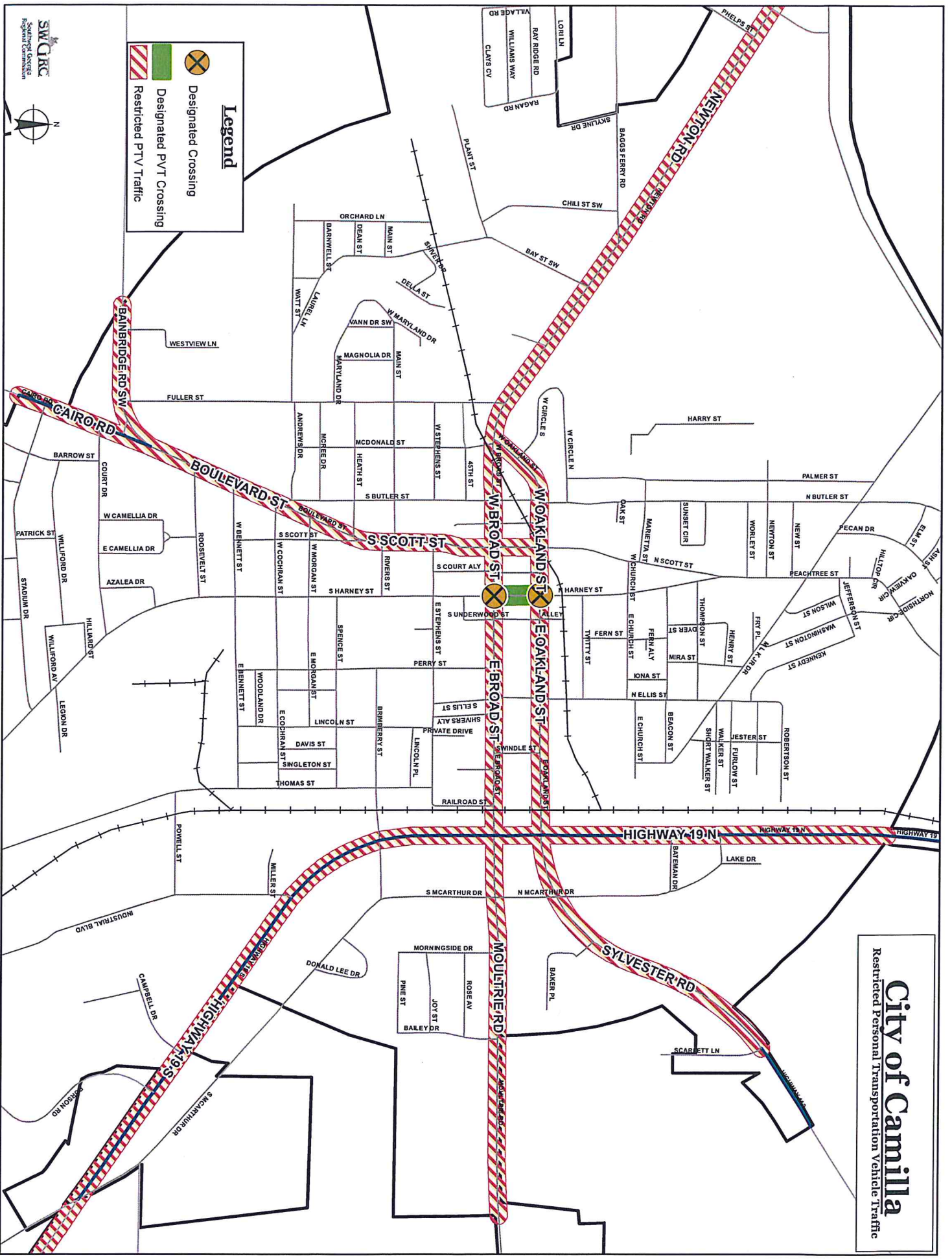
Sec. 10-5-9

This ordinance will become effective upon adoption.



Legend

-  Designated PVT Crossing
-  Designated Crossing
-  Restricted PTV Traffic



City of Camilla
Restricted Personal Transportation Vehicle Traffic