

OPERATOR'S TIP!

Your PTV should only be driven on roads with a speed limit of 35 mph or less and your PTV should not be able to exceed 20 mph to comply with city ordinance. If your PTV is not adjusted to stay below 20 mph, your vehicle will not be considered a PTV anymore and will be subject to additional motor vehicle laws.

REMEMBER TO BE SAFE!

- DUI and Open Container laws are still enforced on PTVs.
- Reckless driving running red lights, and other moving violations are enforced for PTVs.
- Proper lighting equipment, including turn signals, brake lights, taillights, and headlights are required on PTVs.
- PTVs are not allowed on sidewalks.
- All occupants of PTVs must remain seated during operation.
- Proof of insurance should be maintained in the PTV at all times.
- A valid driver's license is required by law to operate a PTV on public roads.



Example Decal

Madison Code Enforcement



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Personal Transportation Vehicles (PTV) Informational Guide

PTV means any motor vehicle:

- a) With a minimum of four wheels;
- b) Capable of a maximum level ground speed of less than 20 miles per hour;
- c) With a maximum gross vehicle weight of 1,375 pounds (un-laded or empty weight); and
- d) Capable of transporting not more than eight persons.

The term does not include any mobility aids, including power wheelchairs and scooters, which can be used indoors and outdoors for the express purpose of enabling mobility for a person with a disability. The term also does not include any all-terrain vehicle, which means any motorized vehicles designed for off-road use which is equipped with three or more low pressure tires and with a seat to be straddled by the operator with handlebars for steering control.

REGISTRATION

All PTVs must be registered and receive a decal from Madison Code Enforcement before they may be operated.

The **registration permit** from Madison Code Enforcement shall be maintained on the PTV at all times.

The **permit decal** must always be on the vehicle. It shall be located on the left rear bumper and front windshield and remain visible at all times.

INSURANCE

Current proof of liability insurance coverage shall be maintained in the PTV when operated and available for inspection upon request (minimum coverage 25-50-25).

OPERATION

Authorized operation area means a public roadway of the City of Madison:

(a) has a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less;

(b) is not part of either the state or federal highway system, i.e., cannot use Main St. or W. Washington St.;

(c) has not been designated as an authorized street by ordinance or resolution by the Madison City Council.

Each PTV shall be maintained in working order, kept in good condition and shall be subject to inspection by Code Enforcement at reasonable times and intervals.

PTV RULES

- A PTV shall stay on authorized streets having a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less.
- A PTV driver shall have a valid motor vehicle driver's license and be 16 years of age or older may drive a PTV.
- A PTV driver shall abide by all traffic regulations applicable to vehicular traffic when using authorized streets.
- A PTV shall not be operated to transport more than eight (8) persons at a time.
- A PTV shall not have passengers under six (6) years of age.
- A PTV shall not be operated on the sidewalks or trails at any time.
- 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.
- PTVs are entitled to the full use of a travel 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 travel lane.
- The PTV driver shall not overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken.
- The PTV driver operating on an authorized street may cross a state or federal route only at designated and signed intersections.

ADDITIONAL RULES

The registration permit can be revoked if the PTV owner and/or driver fails to abide by ordinances and rules regarding PTVs, or abide by traffic laws in using a PTV.

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 PTV drivers and occupants.

All PTV drivers and passengers must re-main seated at all times during the operation. No person may sit on the driver's lap during the operation of the PTV.

REQUIRED PTV EQUIPMENT

- Head lights
- Reflex reflectors
- Taillights
- A horn
- A rearview mirror
- Main power switch
- Reverse warning device functional at all times when the directional control is in the reverse position
- Braking system including parking brake
- Safety warning labels
- Hip restraints and hand holds or a combination thereof
- High mounted, GDOT, amber strobe light