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# Voting for County Extension Council Begins January 11, 2021

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Voting for the members of Stoddard County Extension Council will begin on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 and continue through January 25, 2022.

This year we have one candidate running for a 2-year term: Gary Wyman.

Paper ballots will be available at the Extension Office, located at 316 S. Prairie Street, Bloomfield, MO on January 11, 2022. Voting may be done by coming in to the Extension Office and requesting a 2022 ballot.

Extension Office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for voting.

The Stoddard County University of Missouri Extension Council determines the educational programs, policies and approved staff of University Extension for Stoddard County as set by law. In addition, in cooperation with the Stoddard County Commission, they arrange for financing the local portion of the grograms.

Some of the educational programs available through University Extension in Stoddard County deal with large scale agriculture and small-scale farming enterprises, home economics, community development, homemaker clubs, and foods and nutrition for low-income families. These programs, open to all citizens, are provided by county area-based and campus-based specialists and paraprofessionals through the University of Missouri and Lincoln University.

The winning candidates will start their new terms during the Stoddard County Extension Council's annual meeting in March.

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# City of Dexter Passes Use of UTVs on Streets, Read Ordinance for Rules

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The Dexter Board of Aldermen approved the use of UTVs on the streets of Dexter Monday, January 3, 2022 by a vote of 4-1. Alderman Tim Aslin cast the lone no vote and alderman Frank Killian was unable to attend the meeting.

"I want to clarify my no vote on the UTV ordinance. It was solely on the issue of safety based on a written statement from a group of the largest manufactures, including Polaris and Can-Am that have urged cities and counties to not allow UTVs on city streets and paved county roads," said Aslin after the meeting. "Essentially they have stated a disproportionately high number of serious accidents and fatalities occur on paved roads versus off-road for which the vehicles were designed."

The ordinance takes effect on February 1, 2022 and defines a UTV as any motorized vehicle manufactured and used exclusively for off-highway use, which is more than 50, but not more than 67 inches wide. The definition also says the vehicle has an unladen dry weight of 2,000 pounds or less, travels on four or six wheels and is used primarily for landscaping, lawn care or maintenance purposes.

UTVs will be allowed on city streets with the exception of One Mile Road, Brown Pilot Lane, Central Drive, Grant Street between Park Lane and Two Mile Road, nor are they allowed on state or federal highways. UTVs may cross said highways where the speed limit is 45 miles per hour or less. It should be noted that Business 60 is classified as a state highway, meaning the UTVs cannot be used on Business 60.

Below is the exact language of the Ordinance.

#### **BILL NO ORDINANCE NO. 50i9**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 300.010 OF THE DEXTER CITY CODE DEFINITIONS BY ADDING GOLF CARTS AND UTILITY VEHICLES; AMENDING CHAPTER 340 BY ADDING SECTION 340.105 REGARDING UTILITY VEHICLES OPERATING ON THE STREETS OF DEXTER, EXCEPTIONS AND PROHIBITED USES; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF DEXTER, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The Board of Aldermen hereby amends 5300.010 of the Dexter City Code, adding golf carts and utility vehicles to Definitions:

### "300.010. DEFINITIONS GOLF CART

A motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty (20) miles per hour.

#### **UTILITY VEHICLE - UTV**

Shall mean any motorized vehicle manufactured and used exclusively for off-highway use which is more than fifty (50) inches but not more than sixty-seven (67) inches in width, with an unladen dry weight of two thousand (2,000) pounds or less, traveling on four or six wheels, to be used primarily for landscaping, lawn care, or maintenance purposes.

Section 2: hereafter read as follows:

5340.105 of the Code of the City of Dexter is hereby enacted and shall

- A. Utility vehicles (UTVsJ) may be operated upon the public streets of the City of Dexter, excluding One Mile Road, Grant Street [between Park Lane and Two Mile Rd.), Central Drive, Brown Pilot Lane and excluding State or Federal highways, other than for purposes of crossing the same, provided utility vehicles (UTVs) may only cross highways where the speed limit is 45 mph or less. Every person operating a utility vehicle shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of any other motor vehicle except as to the special regulations in this Chapter.
- B. No person shall operate a utility vehicle (UTV), as defined in Section 300.010, upon the streets and highways of the City of Dexter, except as follows:
- 1. Utility vehicles (UTVs) owned and operated by a governmental entity for official use; or
- 2. Utility Vehicles (UTVs) operated for agricultural purposes or industrial on-premises purposes between the official sunrise and sunset on the day of operation, unless equipped with two (2) working brake lights visible at a distance of five hundred (500) feet, and two (2J working headlights visible at a distance of one hundred (100J feet; or
- 3. Utility vehicles (UTVs) operated by the owner of the vehicle who possesses a permit obtained from the City Clerk for which a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) is hereby established. The permit shall be renewed every year from July 1 through June 30 of the following year. Permits are individual and may not be transferred. Stickers evidencing the issuance of a permit must be affixed to the right rear fender of the utility vehicle [UTV). A fee of five dollars [\$5.00] is hereby established for issuance of a duplicate permit.
- C. Persons applying for the permit must be at least eighteen [18J years of age, hold a valid driver's license and present a copy of their current paid City and County personal property tax receipts (or waiver from the County Collector) containing the utility vehicle (UTVJ. A Waiver of Liability shall be provided to the City of Dexter by every utility vehicle (UTVJ permit applicant in a form which is approved by the City Attorney.

- D. No person shall operative a utility vehicle (UTV) within any stream or river in the City of Dexter, except within waterways which flow entirely within the boundaries of real property owned or leased by the operator, or upon which the operator has written permission to operate such vehicle. No utility vehicle [UTV) shall be operated off-road on any City of Dexter owned property.
- E. No person shall operate a utility vehicle (UTVJ:
- L. [n any careless way as to endanger the person or property of another;
- 2. While under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance;
- 3. In a manner which disturbs the public peace
- F. Licenses, insurance, speed limit, and equipment required for issuance of a utility vehicle (UTV) permit:
- 1. While operating a utility vehicle (UTV) on a city street or alley, the operator shall be required to have a valid permit and full Class F Missouri Drivers License or its equivalent issued by another State in his/her possession, unless excepted under the laws of the State of Missouri.
- 2. Operators of all utility vehicles (UTVs) shall exhibit upon the demand of any Police Officer, while that officer is engaged in the performance of his or her duties, a valid insurance identification card displaying current liability insurance coverage for said vehicle, as required by \$303.024, RSMo.
- 3. No person shall operate a utility vehicle [UTV] in excess of the posted speed limit, or thirty (30J miles per hour, whichever is less.
- 4. Every person operating a utility vehicle (UTV) on the public streets in the City of Dexter shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to a driver of a motor vehicle imposed by law, specifically including those law pertaining to the possession and use of drugs and alcoholic beverages and operating a motor vehicle under the influence thereof.
- 5. All utility vehicles (UTVs) shall have a safety triangle in a shape not less than thirty (30) square inches attached to the rear of the vehicle, and an equilateral triangular emblem constructed of substantial material with fluorescent yellow-orange finish and a reflective red border at least one (1J inch in width mounted on the rear.
- 6. All utility vehicles (UTVs) shall be equipped with functioning turn indicators and a seat belt for each passenger.

- 7. Utility vehicles (UTVsl operated within city limits must have brakes in good working order, reliable steering, safe tires and a functioning muffler.
- 8. The operation of utility vehicles (UTVs) is limited to the period between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless the vehicle is equipped with two (21 working brake lights visible at a distance of five hundred (500) feet, and two (2J working headlights visible at a distance of one hundred (100) feet.
- 9. No operator of a utility vehicle (UTVI shall carry a passenger, except for a utility vehicle [UTV) in which the seat of such vehicle is designed to carry more than one (1J person and is equipped with a seat belt for each passenger.
- G. Unless they are equipped to do so, there can be no passengers riding in these vehicles. If so equipped, the following shall apply:
- 1. Children less than four [4] years old less than forty (40) pounds must be in an appropriate child safety seat in accordance with \$307.179, RSMo.
- 2. Children ages four (4J through seven (7) years who weight at least forty (40) pounds must be in an appropriate child safety seat or booster seat unless they are eighty (B0J pounds or four feet nine inches (4'9"J tall in accordance with s307.179, RSMo.
- 3. Children eight (Bl years and older or weighing at least eighty (80] pounds, or at least four feet nine inches (4'9"J tall are required to be secured by a seat belt or buckled into an appropriate booster seat in accordance with \$307.179, RSMo.
- 4. The utility vehicle (UTV) shall not be operated with more occupants than the number for which it was designed.
- H. The obtaining of the permit described herein is limited to the operation of a vehicle on the streets and alleys maintained by the City of Dexter and does not apply nor give immunity or defense to any such operation upon highways or roads maintained by any other governmental entity.
- I. The operation of go-karts, golf carts and All-Terrain vehicles (ATVs) is prohibited on streets and highways in the City of Dexter.
- Section 3: Any person who is convicted of violation of this Ordinance shall be subject to the penalties set forth in S100.220.
- Section 4: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from February 1,2022 Read wvo [2J times, passed and approved this 3rd day of January,2022.

### Photo was from the December Alderman Meeting.

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## Flags Ordered to Half Staff on Saturday

NOTE: Pursuant to a proclamation issued by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., on December 29, 2021, flags were ordered to be flown at half-staff on the date of interment for former United States Senator Harry Reid of Nevada.

The date of interment has now been set by the family. Flags should be flown at half-staff on Saturday, January 8, 2022.

A Proclamation on the Death of Harry Reid

**DECEMBER 29, 2021** 

From humble roots in Searchlight, Nevada, Harry Reid rose to become one of the great Senate Majority Leaders in American history. He was a man of action, and a man of his word — guided by faith, loyalty, and unshakeable resolve.

Throughout his long career of public service, Harry Reid was instrumental in passing landmark legislation that made a positive difference in the lives of countless Americans and made our Nation stronger and safer. His devoted service to our Nation was not about power for power's sake. It was about the power to do right by the American people.

As a mark of respect for his memory, I hereby order, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, that on the day of his interment, the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset on such day. I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same period at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-ninth day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

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# Route 153 in Stoddard County Reduced for Shoulder Repairs

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Route 153 in Stoddard County Reduced for Shoulder Repairs

Route 153 in Stoddard County will be reduced as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform shoulder repairs.

This section of roadway is located from Route A to Route Z.

Weather permitting, work will take place Tuesday, Jan. 11 through Wednesday, Jan. 12 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, contact MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT

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