ORDINANCE 89B

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF STRATTON AMENDING ORDINANCE 79B and 85B TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES UNDER THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AS UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES ON TOWN ROADWAYS, REPEALING CONFLICTING PROVISIONS, AND CLARIFYING DEFINITIONS AND REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Stratton adopted Ordinance 79B, as amended by Ordinance 85B, concerning the operation of golf carts and UTVs on Town roadways and prohibiting the operation of all-terrain vehicles ATV's, dirt bikes, go-carts, and toy vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that it is in the best interests of the Town and its residents to permit the operation of ATVs on town roadways, provided they meet the same operational and registration requirements as UTVs, to promote consistent regulation of similar vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees seeks to clarify definitions, and streamline the language of the, existing ordinances for clarity and consistency

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF STRATTON, KIT CARSON COUNTY, COLORADO:

<u>Section 1.</u> Part I, Definitions, of Ordinance 79B, as amended by Ordinance 85B, is hereby repealed and reenacted as follows:

All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV): means a three- or four-wheeled vehicle that travels on low-pressure tires with a seat that is straddled by the rider and with handlebars for steering control designed for off road use but permitted on Town roadways under conditions specified in this Ordinance.

Golf Cart: A motor vehicle, powered by electricity or gas, with at least three wheels in contact with the, ground, an unladen weight of less than 1,600 pounds, designed to operate at a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour.

Roadway: The portion of a public way ordinarily used for vehicular travel, excluding public ways designated for bicycle or pedestrian use and state highways, except for authorized crossings as indicated 011 maps available at, Stratton Town Hall.

Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV): A vehicle as defined in C.R.S. S 33-14.5-101, as amended, designed with a steering wheel and seating for two to six riders, used for work or recreation, but excluding dirt bikes.

Dirt bike means a small motorcycle designed and built with special tires and suspension for riding on unpaved roads and over rough terrain, not permitted on Town roadways.

Go-kart means a small racing vehicle having a lightweight or skeleton body and powered by a two-stroke engine, not permitted on Town roadways.

Toy vehicle means any vehicle that has wheels and is not designed for use on public highways or for off-road use including, but is not limited to, gas-powered or electric-powered vehicles commonly known as minibikes, "pocket" bikes, kamikaze boards, go-peds, and stand-up scooters not permitted on Town roadways.

<u>Section 2</u>. Operation of Golf Carts, UTVs, and ATVs Authorized Subject to the provisions of this ordinance, golf carts, UTVs, and ATVs may be operated on roadways within the corporate limits of the Town of Stratton, except as prohibited herein. Maps of authorized state highway crossing routes shall be available upon registration at, Stratton Town Hall.

Section 3. Restrictions on Operation

The operation of golf carts, UTVs, and ATVs within the Town of Stratton shall be subject to the following restrictions:

- 1. No golf cart shall be operated by any person under the age of 14 years.
- 2. No UTV or ATV shall be operated by any person unless such person possesses a valid driver's license.
- 3. Golf carts, UTVs, and ATVs shall only be operated on designated roadways with a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less, as indicated on maps available at Stratton Town Hall upon registration.
- 4. No golf cart, UTV, or ATV shall be operated on sidewalks.
- 5. The number of passengers shall be limited to the number of seats as designed for the vehicle.
- No golf cart, UTV, or ATV shall be operated between sunset and sunrise or during conditions of insufficient light unless equipped with illuminated headlamps, tail- lamps, and turn signals.
- 7. Every golf cart, operated on a town roadway shall display a slow-moving vehicle emblem or a reflective flag projecting within 12 inches from the top of the vehicle.
- 8. Operators shall comply with all parking and traffic regulations applicable to motor vehicles adopted by the Town.

- No golf cart, UTV, or ATV shall be operated on state highways, except to cross at designated intersections as indicated on maps available at Stratton Town Hall.
- 10. All occupants must wear seat belts if the vehicle is equipped with them.

Section 4. Registration

No golf cart, UTV, or ATV shall be operated on any town roadway without first being registered with the Town of Stratton on a form and with information as determined by the Board of Trustees. Upon registration, a registration sticker shall be affixed to the vehicle. Registrations shall be renewed annually in January and are valid until December 31 of the registration year. A list of potential drivers must be provided at the time of registration. The registration fee shall be \$25.00, subject to adjustment by resolution of the Board of Trustees. Operating a golf cart, UTV, or ATV without a valid registration sticker or operating a prohibited vehicle shall result in a fine of \$50.00 per incident.

Section 5. Prohibited Vehicles

It shall be unlawful to operate a dirt bike, go-kart, or toy vehicle, as defined in Section 1, on any roadway within the Town of Stratton.

Section 6. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions

Part V of Ordinance 85B, prohibiting the operation of ATVs, dirt bikes, go-karts, and toy vehicles, is hereby repealed to the extent it conflicts with this ordinance. All other provisions of Ordinances 79B and 85B not, amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

<u>Section 7.</u> Severability. If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part or parts hereof irrespective of the fact that any part or parts be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

<u>Section 8.</u> Recording and Authentication. Immediately upon its passage, the Ordinance shall be recorded in the Town of Stratton Book of Ordinances kept for the purpose, authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and attestation of the Clerk, and shall be published as required by law.

Adopted and Approved this 11th day of September, 2025.

STOMMART Brachtenbach, Mayor

Affest:

Melanee Johnson, Town Clerk