

# Golf Cart Personal Transportation Vehicle (PTV) / Motorized Cart Ordinance (PTV)

## ORDINANCE CHAPTER MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

A ~~MOTORIZED CARTS PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE~~ ORDINANCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH O.C.G.A. § 40-6-331 FOR INCLUSION TO THE CITY OF CLARKESVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clarkesville, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by authority of same, as follows:

Adding the following Sections hereby amends Chapter 9 Motor Vehicles and Traffic.

### Section. Purpose and Intent.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect, maintain, and enhance health, safety and general welfare of present and future citizens of the City.

It has come to the attention of Mayor and Council that the use of Personal Transportation Vehicles ("PTV") (also commonly known as "golf carts" or motorized carts)-on eCity streets creates a potential traffic hazard for other vehicular traffic as well as a danger to the occupants of PTVs/motorized carts.

Therefore, the intent of this Ordinance is to regulate the use of motorized carts within the corporate limits of the City of Clarkesville as authorized by O.C.G.A. 40-6-331.

### Section. Definitions.

Personal Transportation Vehicle ("PTV") –

(A) Any motor vehicle having no fewer than three wheels and an unladen weight of 1,300 pounds or less and which cannot operate at more than 20 miles per hour if such vehicle was authorized to operate on local roads by a local authority prior to January 1, 2012; and

(B) Any motor vehicle:

(i) With a minimum of four wheels;

(ii) Capable of a maximum level ground speed of less than 20 miles per hour;

(iii) With a maximum gross vehicle unladen or empty weight of 1,375 pounds; and

(iv) Capable of transporting not more than eight persons.

The term does not include mobility aids, including electric personal assistive mobility devices, power wheelchairs, and scooters, that 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 or multipurpose off-highway vehicle.

The term PTV as used herein is synonymous with "motorized cart".

#### Section. Operations & Limitations.

Motorized Carts may be operated within the corporate limits of Clarkesville by:

- A. Those persons who are 18 years of age and older and have a valid motor vehicle driver's license, or;
- B. Those persons who are 16 years of age, but not yet 18 years of age, if accompanied in the front seat by a person at least 18 years of age who holds a valid motor vehicle driver's license.

~~C.~~ No person under the age of 16 years of age shall be permitted to operate a motorized cart on any public street within the corporate limits of the City of Clarkesville.

D. All operators of Motorized Carts shall abide by all traffic regulations applicable to vehicular traffic.

E. Motorized Carts shall not be operated on sidewalks or in City parks other than in parking areas.

F. Motorized Carts shall be operated during daylight hours only except if such carts are equipped with functional headlights and taillights.

G. Motorized Carts may not traverse streets and highways under the jurisdiction of the Georgia Department of Transportation ("~~GDOT~~") except at those specific intersections clearly designated for that purpose and which have a warning sign W11-11. Motorized Carts may cross these streets to access other City streets at ~~street-those~~ intersections only. The specific GDOT streets and highways referenced include North Church Street, South Church Street, East Main Street and West Main Street throughout the corporate limits of the City.

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H. Motorized Carts shall only operate within and upon those City streets that have a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less and are designated by the City Mayor/Council as an authorized street. The ordinance only applies to streets within the Clarkesville city limits. All street crossings of GDOT highways must be in compliance with § G as set forth above.

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#### Section. Registration.

Before any Motorized Cart may be operated within the corporate limits of Clarkesville, ~~the cart~~ must be registered and receive a decal from the City Clerk signifying its registration. A person desiring to register a Motorized Cart shall bring documentation setting forth a description of said cart to the City Clerk's office and complete an application for registration ~~of said cart~~. Upon registration, the Clerk shall issue a decal to be applied to the rear of such cart so as to be plainly visible. There shall be a fee of ~~fifty five (55)~~ ~~fifteen (\$15)~~ dollars for such registration. The decal, ~~once~~ issued, shall be non-transferable from the cart for which it is issued. The registration shall be effective until such time as the Cart is sold or ~~for a period of 5 years, whichever is shorter~~. New owners must register a cart within ten (10) business days ~~within of a~~ change of ownership at a cost of ~~fifty five (55)~~ ~~fifteen (\$15)~~ dollars. ~~If the registration is not transferred within ten (10) business days, a twenty (20) dollar penalty will be applied in addition to the fifty five (55) dollar transfer charge.~~

Before any Motorized Cart may be operated within the corporate limits of Clarkesville, the cart must have affixed thereto an emblem as required by O.C.G.A. 40-8-4. The emblem shall conform with those standards and specifications adopted for slow-moving vehicles by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers in December 1966, and contained within such Society's standard ASAE S276.1, or shall be an emblem of the same shape and size painted on such vehicle in a bright and conspicuous retro-reflective red-orange paint. Such emblem shall be mounted on the rear of such vehicles, in the approximate horizontal geometric center of the vehicle, at a height of three (3) to five (5) feet above the roadway, and shall be maintained at all times in a clean and reflective condition.

~~All PTVs and Motorized Carts shall have minimum r~~Required equipment ~~for personal transportation vehicles;~~

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a. All ~~Motorized Carts personal transportation vehicles~~ shall be equipped with:

1. A braking system sufficient for the weight and passenger capacity of the vehicle including a parking brake;
2. A reverse warning device functional at all times when the directional control is in the reverse position;
3. 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;
4. Head lamps;
5. Reflex reflectors;
6. Tail lamps;
7. A horn;
8. A rearview mirror;
9. Safety warning labels; and
10. Hip restraints and hand holds or a combination thereof.

#### Section. Liability Insurance Coverage.

Each person operating a Motorized Cart is liable for his or her own actions. Liability insurance coverage varies and each person operating a Motorized Cart should verify his or her coverage.

#### Section. Exception.

1. Nothing in this Ordinance shall apply to any self-propelled, two-wheeled vehicle.
2. Nothing in this Ordinance shall apply to motorized carts operated by the City of Clarkesville.
3. Nothing in this Ordinance shall apply to motorized carts operated by commercial delivery companies that employ at least 10,000 persons pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 40-6-331(e).

#### Section. Enforcement.

The Clarkesville Police Department shall be charged with enforcement of this Ordinance.

#### Section. Penalty.

Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine for the first offense of not less than twenty (\$25.00) five dollars. For the second offense, fifty (\$50.00) dollars. If a third offense is committed within one (1) year of conviction of a second offense, the minimum fine shall be one (\$100.00) hundred dollars and the owner's registration shall be revoked. If a registration is revoked, the owner shall pay a re-registration fee of two (\$200.00) hundred dollars. The registered owner or family member cannot thereafter register a Motorized Cart for use in the City for a period of two (2) years following a third conviction.

#### Section. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the City of Clarkesville receiving supplies for registration of Carts, but no later than thirty (30) days from passage.

Adopted by vote of City Council in the regular meeting held.

signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Barrie Aycock, Mayor

# City of Clarkesville

## PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE (PTV) REGISTRATION FORM

### RESIDENTIAL REGISTRATION

#### PTV Information

VIN/SERIAL # \_\_\_\_\_

(include all letters & numbers)

Make\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*Note: O.C.G.A. §40-1-1 (43.1) mandates that PTVs weigh 1,375 pounds or less and cannot exceed 20 mph or motor vehicles weighing 1,300 pounds or less which cannot exceed 20 mph that were authorized to operate on local roads prior to January 1, 2012. If your vehicle does not comply, it cannot be legally registered or used in accordance with the City of Clarkesville.

#### OWNER INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

#### Physical Address of Owner & Cart:

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

#### For Office Use Only:

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_ Authorization: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Handicap Decal Yes/No

DECAL # ISSUED \_\_\_\_\_

PTV Year \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Type GAS / ELECTRIC (circle one)

Are you 18 years of age or older? YES / NO (circle one)

(ONLY PERSONS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND HOLDING A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE MAY PERMIT OPERATE A

PTV)

## City of Clarkesville

Mailing Address (if different):

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**AFFIDAVIT:**

I have received the City's "Personal Transportation Vehicle (PTV) Information" brochure. I understand and will abide by City of Clarkesville Ordinances and State laws pertaining to Personal Transportations Vehicles (PTV) as described in the brochure. I acknowledge that city ordinance requires me to have liability insurance for my PTV. I understand and acknowledge that, as the registered PTV owner, I have legal responsibility for any actions committed during the operation and use of the PTV, including those of any agents I allow or authorize to use my PTV, and understand that I can be charged for any violation of the Clarkesville Code of Ordinances. I certify that the information supplied by me contained herein is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand the PTV registration fee is ~~\$55-15~~ and good for 5 years, then must be renewed. Checks may be made out to: City of Clarkesville.

Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_

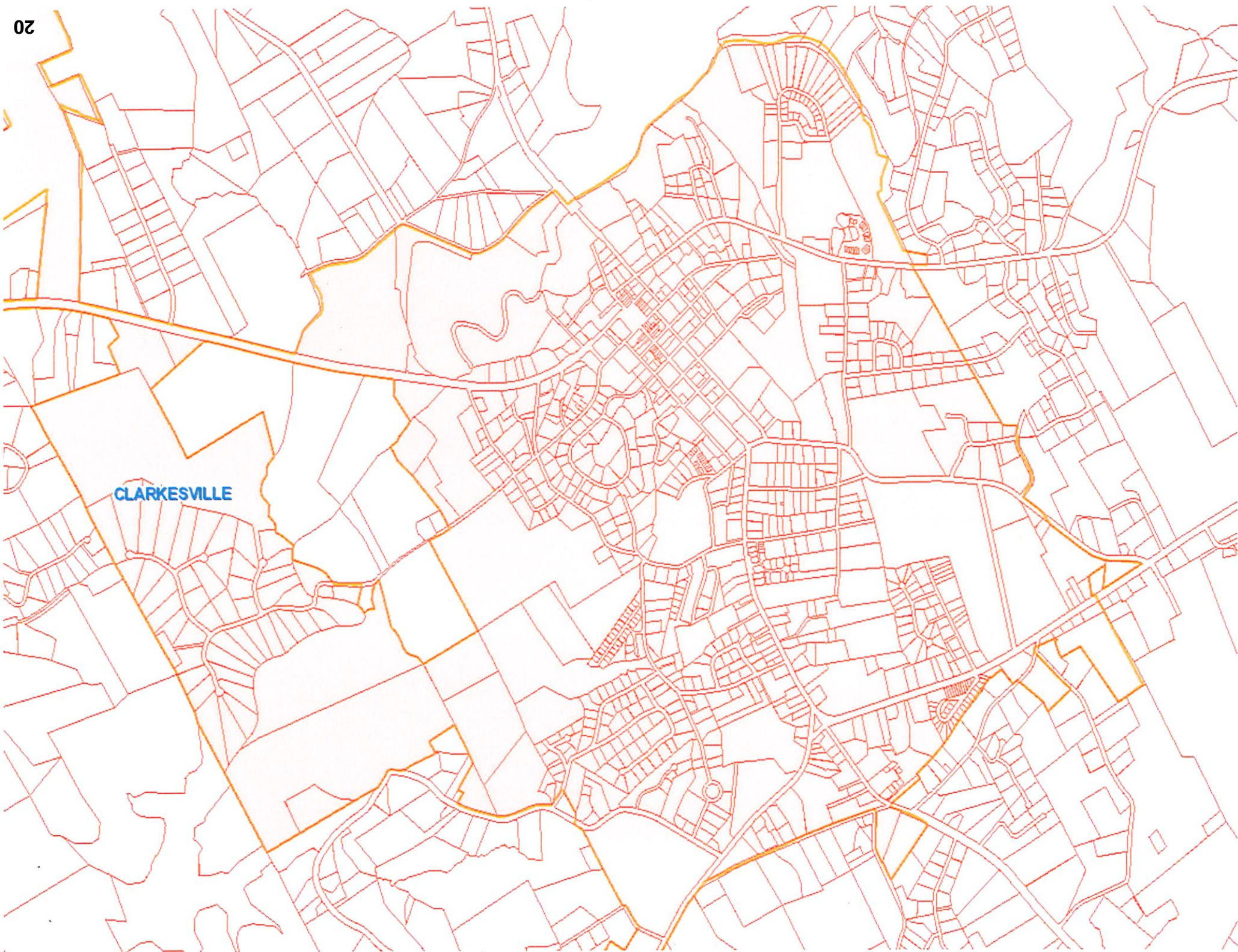
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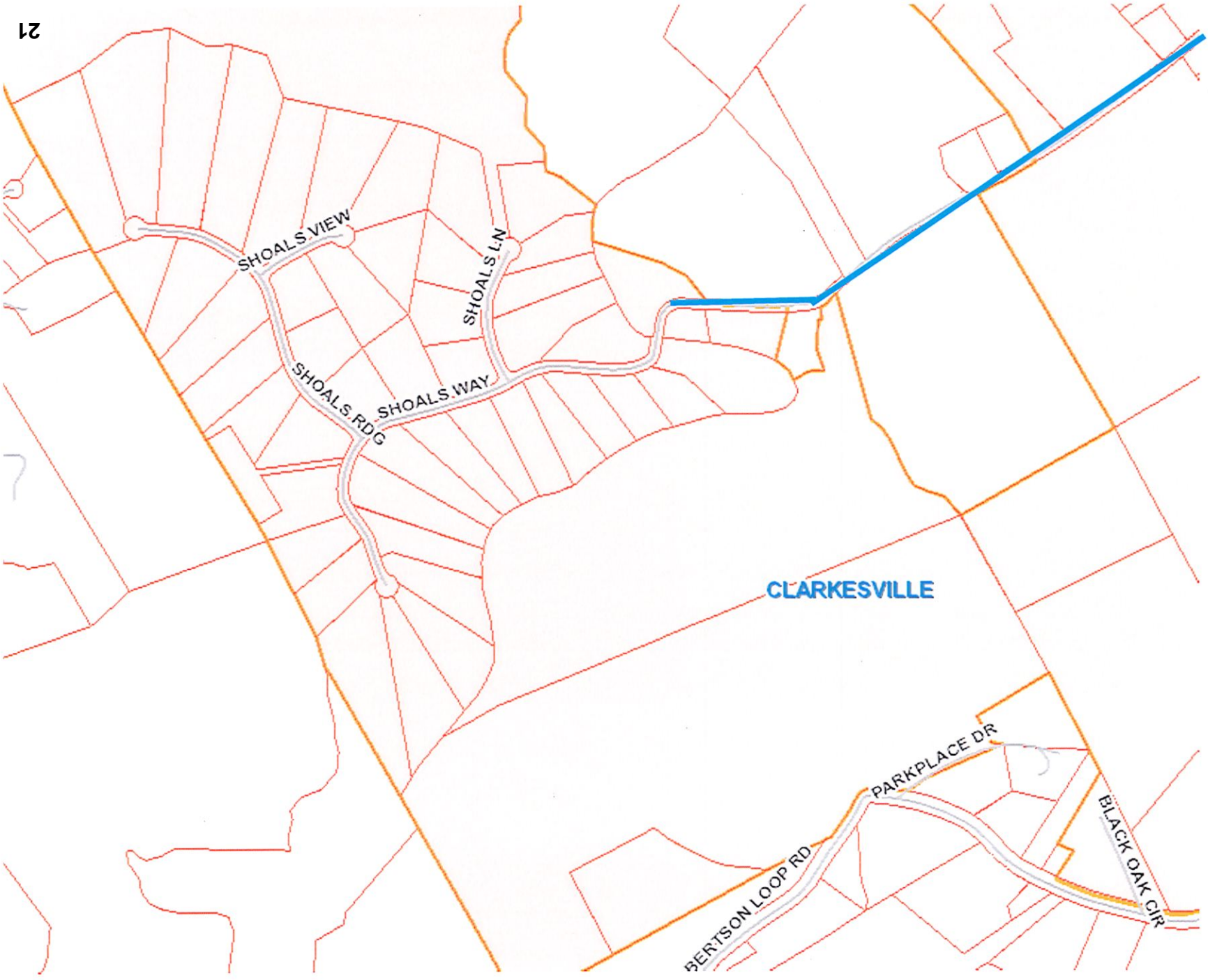
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NOTE: Immediately report stolen carts to the City of Clarkesville Police Department. Submit a release of liability form with 10 days of changes in ownership (sale, transfer, relocation of owner, or destruction of PTV).

**Commented [MS1]:** once every five years for a fee not to exceed \$15.00.  
O.C.G.A. § 40-6-331

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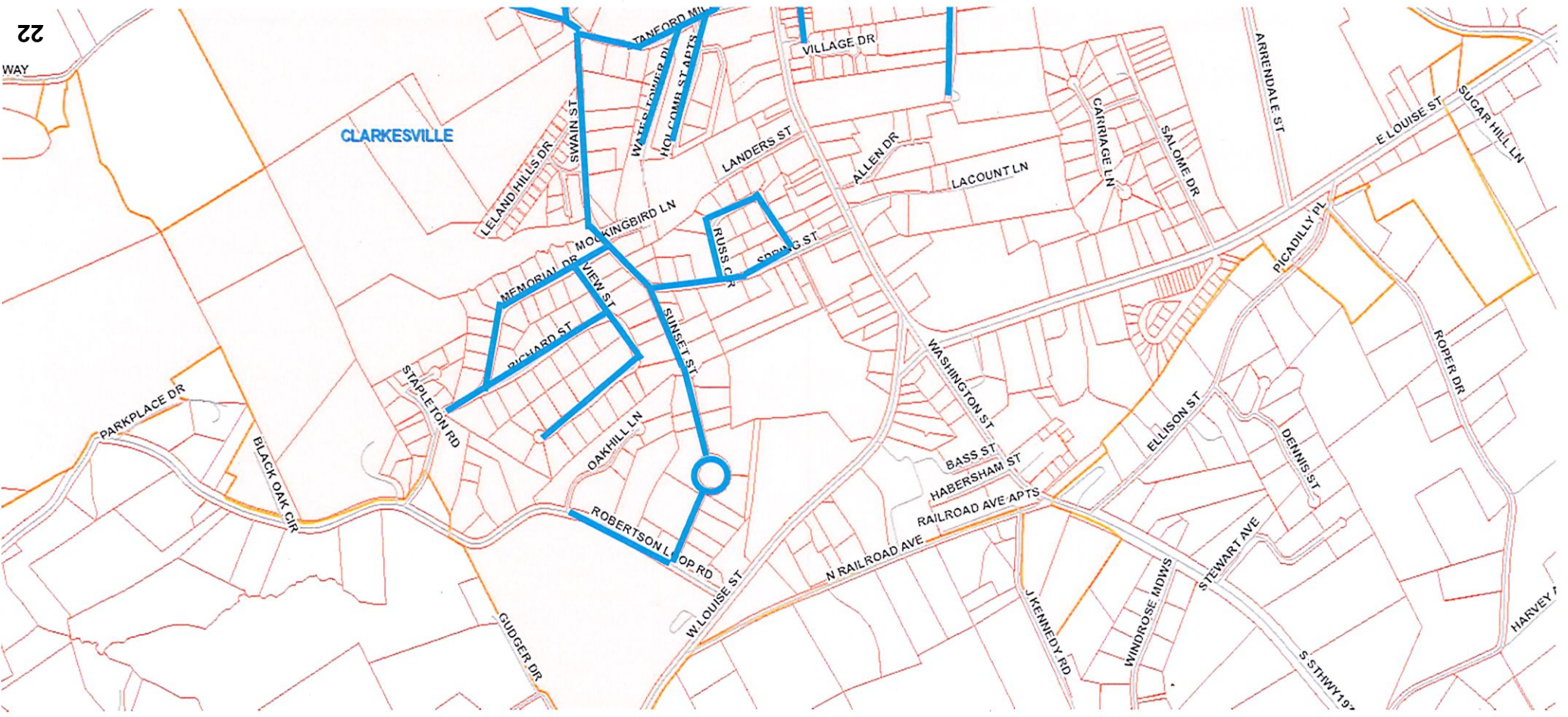


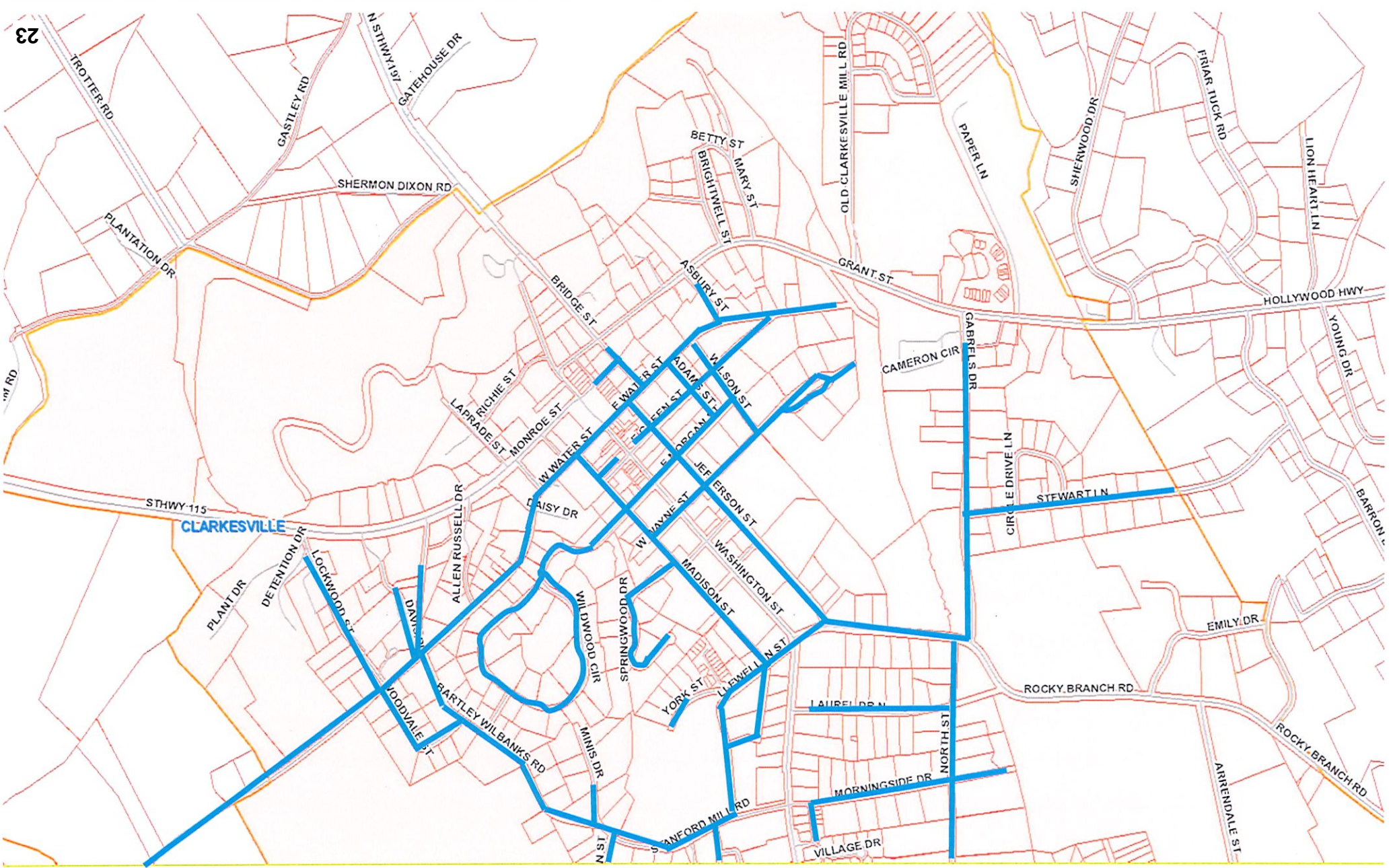


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PLANTATION DR

GASTLEY RD  
N SHWY 197  
GATEHOUSE DR

SHERMON DIXON DR  
BRIDGE ST  
ASBURY ST  
BETTY ST  
MARY ST  
BRIGHTWELL ST  
OLD CLARKESVILLE MILL RD  
PAPER LN  
SHERWOOD DR  
PRIAR TUCK RD  
LION HEART LN

STHWY 115  
CLARKESVILLE  
PLANT DR  
DETENTION DR  
LOCKWOOD ST  
DAVIS ST  
ALLEN RUSSELL DR  
LAP RICHIE ST  
MONROE ST  
W WATER ST  
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ADAMS ST  
WILSON ST  
CAMERON CIR  
GABELS DR  
HOLLYWOOD HWY  
YOUNG DR

STEWART LN  
CIRCLE DRIVE LN  
BARRON DR  
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MORNINGSIDE DR  
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S ANFORD MILL RD  
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BARTLEY WILBANKS RD  
ROCKY BRANCH RD  
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Joggers, Bikers,  
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The City of Clarkesville would like to provide clarification on the new Personal Transportation Vehicle (PTV) Ordinance, which allows PTVs on city streets so that the general public is aware of the law's requirements.

A PTV is defined as any motor vehicle with a minimum of four wheels; capable of a maximum ground speed of less than 20 miles per hour; a maximum gross vehicle weight of 1,375 pounds and capable of transporting not more than eight persons. The term does not include mobility aids including power wheelchairs and scooters or all-terrain vehicles.

PTVs are authorized on public roadways of the City of Clarkesville that has a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less and is designated by the City Mayor/Council as an authorized street. The ordinance only applies to streets within the Clarkesville city limits.

Before any PTV may be operated over an authorized street or parking area of the City of Clarkesville, it must be registered and permitted by the Clarkesville Police Department. If the PTV is compliant with local and State law, then a decal shall be issued signifying its registration.

Permits may be purchased at the Clarkesville Police Department located at 405 Madison Street, Clarkesville, GA 30523. For questions on the new PTV ordinance, please contact the Clarkesville Police Department at XXX-XXX-XXXX.