



ELDRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE: ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE (ATV), UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE (UTV), AND GOLF CARTS

Effective July 1, 2022, ATV and UTV law goes into effect. An ATV is a vehicle that can be straddled by a single rider, while a UTV is designed with a cabin for multiple riders.

The City of Eldridge, Iowa, does not allow the use of any ATVs within its city limits.

The law change still comes with restrictions:

- 1. UTVs have a maximum speed limit of 35 mph or less.*
- 2. UTVs must have operational headlights, tail and brake lights, horn, seatbelts, and rearview mirrors.*
- 3. UTVs must be operated by a person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age with a valid driver's license.*
- 4. UTVs must be insured, and operators must have valid proof of insurance while operating.*
- 5. UTVs are only permitted to operate from sunrise to sunset within the City limits of Eldridge, Iowa.*

There also remain several restrictions on which roads ATV and UTV users will be able to travel on:

- 1. **NO ATVs will be operated on any streets, allies, or roadways within the city limits of Eldridge Iowa.***
- 2. If driving on a state two-lane highway or county highway, it must be over the most direct and accessible route to or from an all-terrain vehicle park or trail to the nearest county road, or an authorized city street or one's residence.*
- 3. Riders may cross a four-lane highway at an intersection from an authorized road so long as it is not an Interstate Highway.*
- 4. UTVs are not permitted to drive on any gravel or paved roadway that is marked under construction, closed, or a detour for normal vehicle traffic.*
- 5. UTVs may be restricted from county roadways during special events, like RAGBRAI, for a maximum of seven (7) days consecutively or 30 days in a year.*



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6. *UTVs may only be operated on state highways and may not travel on four-lane (4) or interstate roads. They may be driven on any county unpaved gravel road.*

GOLF CARTS

321.247

Golf Carts still fall under the Iowa Code 321.247 through the State of Iowa and the City of Eldridge, Iowa

1. *Golf Carts are not permitted to operate upon any streets within the City limits of Eldridge, Iowa, which is a primary road extension through the city but are allowed to cross a city street which is a primary road extension through the city. Crossing a primary roadway/street must be done using the most direct route.*
2. *Golf Carts are not permitted to be operated by any person under the age of eighteen (18) years of age and they must have a valid driver's license to be operated within the City limits of Eldridge, Iowa.*
3. *Golf Carts shall be equipped with a slow-moving vehicle sign and bicycle safety flag and operate on the streets only from sunrise to sunset.*
4. *Golf Carts operated on city streets within the City limits of Eldridge, Iowa, shall be equipped with adequate brakes and shall meet any other safety requirements imposed by the governing body.*
5. *Any violations committed by any person(s) commit a simple misdemeanor punishable as a scheduled violation under section 805.8A, subsection 3.*
6. *Golf Carts will not operate on any streets within the City limits of Eldridge, Iowa, with a speed limit greater than 25 miles per hour.*

The City of Eldridge, Iowa, is currently working on updating City Code for UTV and Golf Carts. Once this is complete a notice will be put out to the citizens of Eldridge, Iowa.

All UTV and Golf Carts must operate under all traffic laws under the State of Iowa and are subject to traffic violations and charges as all persons are operating a motor vehicle.

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