

PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS (PTV)



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REQUIREMENTS/SUBMITTALS

A Personal Transportation Vehicle (PTV) means any motor vehicle:

- With a minimum of four wheels
- Capable of a maximum speed of **less than** 20 miles per hour
- Maximum gross vehicle unladen or empty weight of 1,375 pounds
- Capable of transporting **not more than** eight persons

Applicant must provide the following to Planning and Development

- Valid driver's license
- **Commercial PTV Operator**- Proof of Liability insurance of at least 200,000.
- **Private Employer PTV Operator**– Proof of Liability insurance of at least 100,000.
- **All other** – proof of insurance as required for full sized motor vehicles in Georgia
- **All below items are in working order** _____ **date:** _____

Signature

All PTV's shall be equipped with items listed below and shall remain in working order while PTV is in operation.

- Braking system
- Reverse warning device
- Main power switch
- Headlamps
- Reflex reflectors
- Tail lamps
- Horn
- Rearview mirror
- Safety warning labels
- Hip restraints and hand holds or combination
- Brake lights
- High-mount strobe light
- Four wheel disk breaks for Commercial PTV's

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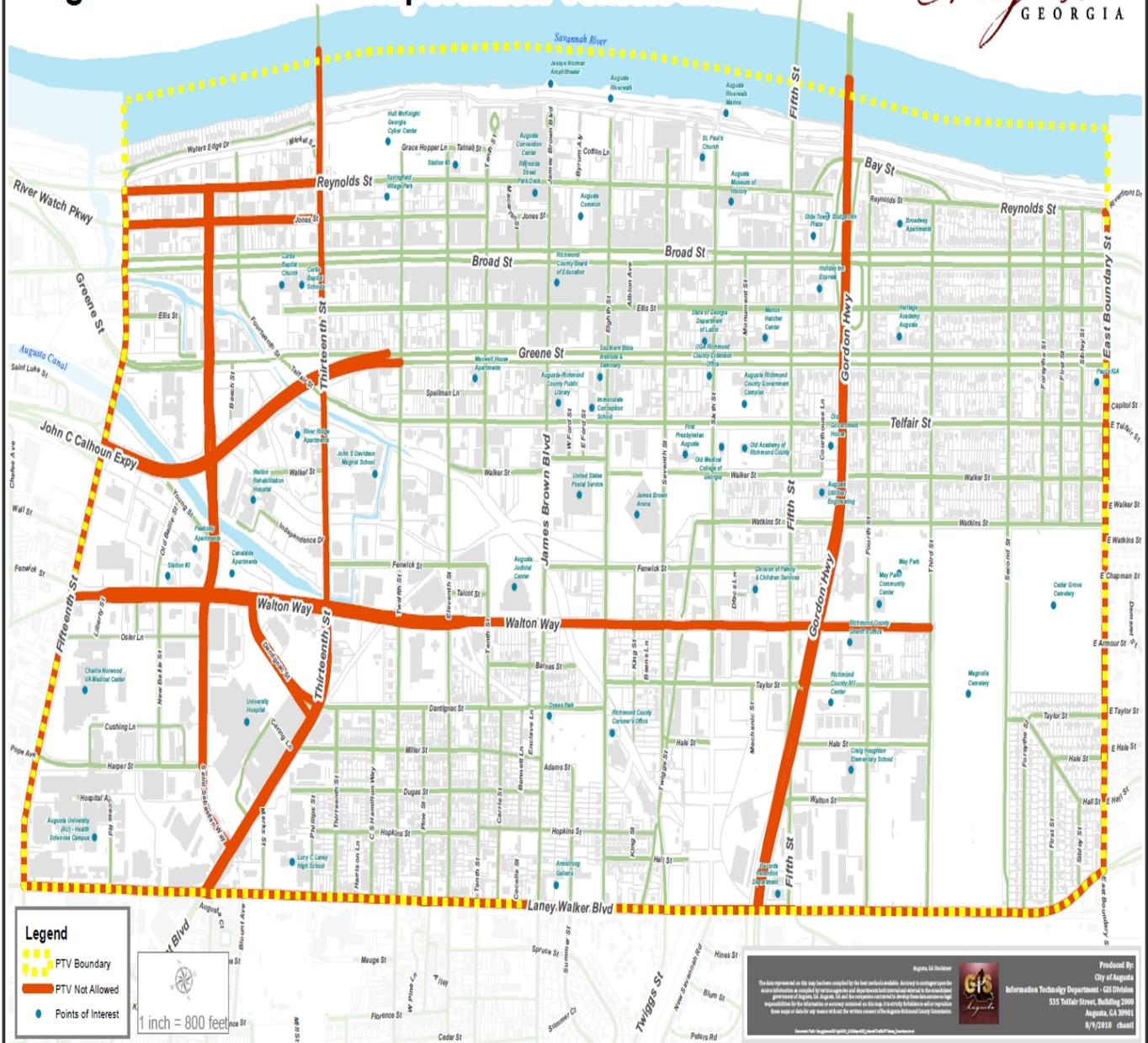
- A decal at the cost of \$15.00 as proof of registration for each vehicle.
 - The decal will be valid for a period of 5 years or until the vehicle is sold. The Decal will be attached to the driver's side of the PTV.

- A copy of Exhibit "D" is provided which contains definitions, phrases and additional requirements. (Rec'd)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing, applicant agrees to comply with all regulations and releases Augusta Ga of any and all liability

Augusta Personal Transportation Vehicle Zone



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Operating a Personal Transportation Vehicle (PTV)

Can additional roads be designated for PTV use?

(a) All requests made to have additional roads designated for PTV use shall be directed to the Augusta, Georgia Traffic Engineer, but must be approved by the Augusta, Georgia Commission.

How can I determine where PTV are allowed?

(a) As required by O.C.G.A. § 40-6-331(c), Augusta, Georgia shall erect signs (having dimensions of at least 24 by 30 inches) on every highway which comprises a part of the state highway system at that point on the highway which intersects the corporate limits of the consolidated government of Augusta, Georgia. Such signs shall warn approaching motorists that PTVs are authorized for use on public streets.

(b) Maps that clearly indicate locations of areas designated for PTV use should be posted on Augusta, Georgia's web site [<http://www.augustaga.gov>] and be made available in printed form.

(c) No person shall operate any Personal Transportation Vehicle (PTV) upon a street, road, or public highway in Augusta, Georgia, except as specifically provided herein. Further, no person shall operate any PTV on private property without the permission of the owner of such private property.

Are there roads currently approved for PTV's?

(d) Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 40-6-331, the following public streets and portions thereof are hereby designated for the combined use of PTVs and regular vehicular traffic, upon the conditions hereinafter set forth:

(1) J. Dewey Gray Circle, Wainbrook, Devore Place, and that section of Interstate Parkway lying between the intersection of Wainbrook and Devore Place, are hereby designated for the combined use of PTVs and regular vehicular traffic herein; and

(2) All that portion of Heath Drive beginning at Wicklow Drive leading to Berckmans Road; and

(3) All that portion of Pine Needle Road from its intersection with Buena Vista and Cardinal Drive, and continuing west to the Forest Hills Golf Course entrance, during daylight hours between dawn and dusk; and

(4) Except as excluded below, all streets within the geographic area of downtown Augusta, Georgia (Downtown Area) described as having a northern boundary of the Georgia/South Carolina state line, a western boundary of 15th Street, a southern boundary of Laney Walker Blvd, and an eastern boundary of East Boundary Street.

Where are PTV's prohibited?

(i) PTVs shall not be used on the following entire streets within the Downtown Area: John C. Calhoun Expressway, 15th Street, St. Sebastian Way, 13th Street, R.A. Dent, Walton Way, Laney Walker Blvd, Gordon Highway, and East Boundary Street.

(ii) PTVs shall not be used on portions of the following streets within the Downtown Area: Reynolds Street between 15th Street and 13th Street, and Jones Street between 15th Street and 13th Street.

(iii) The Augusta, Georgia Director of Engineering (or his designee) shall have the authority to designate specific locations for PTVs to cross streets that are not designated for PTV use.

(e) No PTVs (except for Commercial and Employer operated PTVs) shall operate on said streets except between the hours of 30 minutes following sunrise and 30 minutes prior to sunset. Commercial and Employer PTVs shall not be operated on said streets from midnight to 6:00 a.m., but may be operated on such streets at all other times.

What are the requirements for a PTV?

(a) All PTVs 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;

(10) Hip restraints and hand holds or a combination thereof;

(11) Brake lights

(12) High-mount strobe light for increased visibility

(b) In addition to the requirements above, all Commercial PTVs must have fourwheel disk brakes, be uniquely keyed or have a "lockout" key switch (requires code to be entered on keypad for security before vehicle will operate), be equipped with United States Department of Transportation approved tires and be marked in a conspicuous manner with the name of the company or organization operating the Commercial PTV.

What are the basic license requirements?

(1) All PTV drivers must have a driver's license.

(2) Commercial PTV operators must have at least \$200,000 of liability insurance coverage.

(3) Employer PTV operators must have at least \$100,000 of liability insurance coverage.

All other PTVs must have liability insurance coverage in at least the same amount as would be required for a full sized motor vehicle in Georgia

Additional requirements:

(1) All PTVs shall be registered with the Augusta, Georgia Planning and Development Department and PTV owners must obtain a permit to operate a PTV on any street designated for PTV use. A fee of \$15.00 is required to register a PTV and obtain a permit. PTV owners must complete the permit registration form provided for the foregoing purpose. A granted permit will be valid for not less than a period of five (5) years. A permit may be revoked for a violation of any provision of this ordinance. The Planning and Development Department will issue visible proof of compliance, (certification decal), that must be attached to the driver's side of the PTV. The certification decal shall remain permanently with the vehicle unless the vehicle is sold or the decal is destroyed. The completed forms will be maintained by the Planning and Development Department.

What are the limitations and safety criteria?

(1) No person shall operate a PTV on a public road of Augusta, Georgia unless that road is designated for PTV operation and is posted with the required sign(s).

(2) No PTV shall be driven across any road at an intersection where the road being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

(3) The maximum occupancy of a PTV traveling on roads will be one person per designated seat.

(4) The use or consumption of alcoholic beverages or other mind altering substances while operating or occupying a PTV on public roads is prohibited.

(5) Every person operating a PTV on a public roadway has the rights and duties applicable to the driver or operator of any other vehicle under the provisions of Chapters 58 and 69 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia, as applicable.

(6) No PTV may be operated at a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under all surrounding circumstances, but in no event at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour unless the vehicle is a low speed vehicle complying with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) 500 in which case it may not be operated at a speed greater than 25 miles per hour.

What happens if this ordinance is not followed?

Any act constituting a violation of this Ordinance or a failure to comply with any of its requirements shall subject the offender to a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and/or sixty (60) days in jail. Additionally, offenders may have their permit to operate a PTV revoked.

(g) Exceptions.

The geographic limitations set forth herein shall not apply to PTVs being operated as follows:

(1) To cross a road from one portion of a golf course to another portion thereof or to another adjacent golf course; or to travel between a person's home and golf course if (i) the trip would not be longer than one mile in either direction; (ii) the speed limit on the road is no more than twenty-five (25) miles per hour; and (iii) the route does not cross a road that has a speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.

(2) To the extent necessary for Augusta, Georgia employees and Augusta, Georgia contractors to fulfill a governmental purpose, or as otherwise authorized by Augusta, Georgia, provided the PTV is not operated on a public road of Augusta, Georgia with a posted speed limit over 35 miles per hour;

(3) As necessary by employees of public or private institutions of higher education if operating on roads within the property limits of such institutions, provided the PTV is being operated on roads with speed limits of twenty-five (25) miles per hour or less.