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Frequently Asked Questions
All Purpose Vehicle Usage on Roadways

On January 1, 2022, all purpose vehicles (APVs) became legal to operate on roadways where the speed limit is less than 45 MPH and where boroughs or municipalities have not banned their use through ordinance within their boundaries. The City of Kodiak has tabled indefinitely an ordinance that would ban the use of APVs on City streets.

Q: What is an All Purpose Vehicle?

A: An All Purpose Vehicle is any self-propelled vehicle that is on wheels or tracks that come into contact with the ground. Common APVs include four wheelers, all-terrain vehicles, utility terrain vehicles, and side-by-sides. Snowmachines and hovercrafts are not included in the definition of an APV, and are not allowed to operate on the roadway.

Q: Do I need a special driver's license or endorsement to operate an APV on the roadway?

A: No, a valid driver's license is sufficient. Those without a valid license may not operate an APV on the roadway.

Q: Do I need to register my APV?

A: Yes, you will need to register an APV at the DMV for use on the roadway and display license plates.

Q: Do I need to have vehicle insurance?

A: Yes, the operator must have motor vehicle liability insurance that complies with AS 28.22.

Q: What equipment does my APV need to have?

A: An APV registered to operate on the roadway will need to have a headlight, a rear-facing red light, one rear-facing red reflector, and one rear-facing break light. APVs must be equipped with brakes, a muffler, carburetor, and a throttle. If the APV is not equipped with turn signals, the operator will need to use hand signals.

Q: Do I have to follow traffic laws while operating an APV on the road?

A: Yes, APVs are subject to many of the same laws and regulations that traditional vehicles must follow.



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Q: What happens when the speed limit on a roadway increases from 45 MPH to 55 MPH?

A: You may not operate an APV on any portion of the roadway that has a speed limit higher than 45 MPH. If the speed limit increases to 55 MPH, do not operate the APV on that section of road.

Q: Do I need to wear a helmet?

A: The operator does not need to wear a helmet, but all passengers are required to wear one.

Q: Do I need to wear a seatbelt?

A: If the APV is equipped with a seatbelt, then the operator and passengers are required to use them while operating on a road.

Q: Am I required to provide a car seat for children riding in my APV?

A: Yes, if the child is required to ride in a car seat in a traditional vehicle, then the operator of an APV must provide a car seat when the child is riding in an APV on a road (when the APV is equipped with seatbelts).