

The Hinton Board of Trustees approved an ordinance which permits the operation of certain Restricted Vehicles on Town streets. State law *prohibits* the operation of these vehicles on state highways (except to cross at a 90 degree angle).

**Permits will be available at the Town Clerk's office beginning the week of April 16, 2012.**

**Summary of Restricted Vehicle Ordinances** (full copy available in Town Clerk's office).

- Restricted Vehicles addressed by the new ordinance are: All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), Electric Vehicles, Golf Carts, Mini-Trucks and Utility Terrain-Vehicles (UTVs).
- Restricted Vehicles may be operated on Town streets (but not on state highways in Town) where the posted speed limit is 35 mph or less. *The speed of the Restricted Vehicle may not exceed 25 mph.*
- The following are *some but not all* of the rules that must be observed when operating a Restricted Vehicle in Town:
  - May be operated only by a person who possess a valid driver's license;
  - May be operated only during daylight hours, unless equipped with both taillights and headlights;
  - May not carry a passenger unless the vehicle is specifically designed by the manufacturer to carry passengers; then, may carry no more than the number of passengers specified by the manufacturer;
  - All passengers in Golf Carts and UTVs must wear seat belts;
  - Must observe state and municipal laws regarding operation of motor vehicles;

- No one under the age of 6 may ride on or in a Restricted Vehicle unless it is operated by the child's parent or the operator is at least 21 years old;
- Must be registered and the Registration Permit displayed on or carried in the Restricted Vehicle;
- Registration Permits are \$5.00 (fee is waived for those with a handicapped parking permit) and the penalty for failure to register is \$50.00;
- Must be covered by liability insurance issued through an authorized provider of automobile liability insurance;
- Must display a safety flag or slow moving vehicle emblem, visible from behind the vehicle;
- Anyone younger than 18 years of age who is on an ATV or other Restricted Vehicle shall wear a crash helmet as required by state and/or federal law;
- **Parent and Owner Liability for the Actions of Minors Operating a Restricted Vehicle.** If a person under 18 years old (a "minor") operates a Restricted Vehicle in violation of any law or ordinance, the minor's parent, legal guardian or the person having responsibility for the minor, and the owner of the Restricted Vehicle, will be held responsible for any violation of the law committed by the minor.
- **Motor-driven cycles such "minibikes" and "trailbikes" are not permitted to be operated on the streets or highways of the Town of Hinton (except in parades under certain circumstances).**