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4 **ORDINANCE NO. 18973**  
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6 AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., creating City  
7 of Topeka Code § 142-195 regarding the operation of work-site  
8 utility vehicles on the streets within the corporate limits of the City of  
9 Topeka.  
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11 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS:  
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13 Section 1. That City of Topeka Code § 142-195, Reserved, is hereby created  
14 by the addition of the following language:

15 **Work-site utility vehicles.**

16 1. Operation of Work-site utility vehicles; Penalty.  
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18 (a) Work-site utility vehicles may be operated upon the public  
19 highways, streets, roads and alleys within the corporate limits of the city.

20 (b) "Work-site utility vehicle" means any motor vehicle which is not less  
21 than 48 inches in width, has an overall length, including the bumper, of not more  
22 than 135 inches, has an unladen weight, including fuel and fluids, of more than  
23 800 pounds and is equipped with four or more low pressure tires, a steering  
24 wheel and bench or bucket type seating allowing at least two people to sit side-  
25 by-side, and may be equipped with a bed or cargo box for hauling materials.

26 (c) It shall be unlawful to operate any work-site utility vehicle on any  
27 public highway, street, road or alley unless such vehicle shall comply with the  
28 equipment requirements under the provisions of article 17, chapter 8 of the  
29 Kansas Statutes Annotated. However, work site utility vehicles complying with  
30 the provisions of article 17, chapter 8, need not be registered pursuant to article

31 1, chapter 8 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated to operate on the public highways,  
32 streets, roads and alleys within the corporate limits of the city.

33 (d) Every person operating a work-site utility vehicle on the public  
34 highways, streets, roads and alleys of the city shall be subject to all of the duties  
35 applicable to a driver of a vehicle imposed by law.

36 (e) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a work-site utility  
37 vehicle in any manner which violates the provisions in this section. A violation of  
38 this section shall be deemed an ordinance traffic infraction.

39 2. Same: Valid Driver's license required; Penalty. It shall be unlawful for any  
40 person to operate a work-site utility vehicle on any public highway, street, road or alley  
41 within the corporate limits of the city unless such person has a valid driver's license.

42 Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
43 passage, approval and publication in the official City newspaper.

44 PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council October 9, 2007.

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51 William W. Bunten, Mayor

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57 Brenda Younger, City Clerk