

UTV Permit Instructions:

1. Read Ordinance 12-04-2025 beginning on the next page
2. Fill out all components of the UTV Permit Application
3. Appear before a Notary Republic (most banks have at least one, or the Commission Office has two staff members who may notarize for \$5)
 - a. You may NOT sign the affidavit until you are in the presence of a Notary
4. Once the permit application is completely filled out, the affidavit is signed and notarized, submit all ORIGINAL documents to the Camden County Commission Office in-person
 - a. **CASH OR CHECK only**—we do not have a card reader in our office

Checks payable to:
Camden County

5. An employee of the Commission Office will review the documents and issue the permit so long as everything is complete.

Camden County Commission Office is located at

**1 Court Circle NW
Camdenton, MO 65020**

573-346-4440 x8

**ORDINANCE 12-04-2025 OF CAMDEN COUNTY, MISSOURI,
REGULATING THE OPERATION OF UTILITY TERRAIN
VEHICLES (UTVs) ON COUNTY ROADWAYS**

WHEREAS, Camden County, Missouri is a county of the first classification without a charter form of government, and the Camden County Commission possesses authority under Missouri law to regulate traffic and the use of county roadways in the interest of public safety;

WHEREAS, Utility Terrain Vehicles (“UTVs”) have become increasingly common for transportation and recreation within Camden County;

WHEREAS, unregulated operation of UTVs on county roads presents potential risks to public safety, property, and traffic flow; and

WHEREAS, the Camden County Commission finds it necessary and appropriate to establish uniform rules governing the limited operation of Utility Terrain Vehicles on certain county roadways to protect public safety and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY COMMISSION, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

1. **Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV):** Any motorized vehicle designed for off-highway use, having four or more wheels, a steering wheel, seating for one or more occupants, and manufactured primarily for utility or recreational purposes, and not otherwise licensed for highway use under Missouri law.
2. **County Road:** Any roadway owned, maintained, or controlled by Camden County, Missouri, excluding state highways and roads within incorporated municipalities unless otherwise authorized.
3. **Operator:** Any person driving or in actual physical control of a UTV.
4. **Permit:** A Camden County-issued authorization allowing limited operation of a UTV on designated county roads pursuant to this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. AUTHORIZATION AND LIMITATIONS

- A. UTVs may be operated upon designated Camden County roads only when operated in strict compliance with this Ordinance.

- B. Operation of UTVs is prohibited on:
 - 1. Any Missouri state highway;
 - 2. Any road or area specifically designated by the Camden County Commission as closed to UTV traffic.
- C. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to authorize operation of a UTV within incorporated cities.

SECTION 3. PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

- A. No UTV shall be operated on a county road unless a valid Camden County UTV permit has been issued for that vehicle.
- B. Permit applications shall be made directly to the Camden County Commission.
- C. The permit fee of \$15.00 shall be established by separate order of the Camden County Commission and shall be non-refundable.
- D. A Permit shall be valid for a set period of two years from January 1st of the first year through December 31st of the second year and shall be affixed to the bumper or rear portion of the UTV so that it is easily visible from the rear.
- E. A Permit shall be accompanied by an Affidavit signed by the Applicant that the Applicant complies with all requirements of this Ordinance.
- F. There shall be a \$5.00 Notary Public Fee at the County Commission office should the Applicant choose to have a County Commission employee notarize the Applicant's Affidavit.

SECTION 4. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

All permitted UTVs operated on county roads shall be equipped with:

- 1. At least one (1) headlamp and one (1) tail lamp;
- 2. Brake lights;
- 3. A working horn or audible warning device;
- 4. A rear-view mirror;
- 5. A muffler in good working order;
- 6. Turn signals
- 7. A safety flag or reflective device if required by Commission order;
- 8. Seat belts for all occupants.

SECTION 5. OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. No person shall operate a UTV on a county road unless such person is at least sixteen (16) years of age and possesses a valid driver’s license issued by the State of Missouri or another state.
- B. UTVs shall be operated in a safe and prudent manner, obeying all applicable traffic laws.
- C. No person shall operate an UTV while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.
- D. All occupants shall remain seated and properly restrained while the UTV is in motion.

SECTION 6. INSURANCE

- A. No UTV shall be permitted or operated on any county road unless the UTV is covered by a policy of liability insurance.
- B. Such insurance shall provide minimum coverage limits at least equal to the financial responsibility requirements for motor vehicles under Missouri law.
- C. Proof of insurance shall be provided to the Camden County Commission at the time of permit application and shall be carried by the operator at all times while operating the UTV and produced upon request by law enforcement.

SECTION 7. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

- A. Violation penalty. Any person who violates the terms of this Ordinance shall, upon a plea of guilty or a finding of guilt, be fined not less than Two Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$225.00).
- B. Any person who violates the terms of this Ordinance for a second time shall, upon a plea of guilty or a finding of guilt, be subject to the financial penalty described herein and have their UTV permit suspended for ninety (90) days.
- C. Any person who violates the terms of this Ordinance for a third time shall, upon a plea of guilty or a finding of guilt, be subject to the financial penalty described herein and have their UTV permit revoked for a period of time not less than one (1) year.

D. Any subsequent violation under this Ordinance shall result in a permanent revocation of the individual's UTV permit together with the financial penalties described herein.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

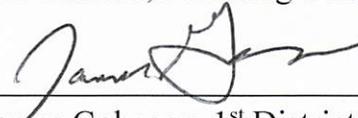
This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Camden County Commission this 10 day of February, 2026.

CAMDEN COUNTY, MISSOURI

(Seal)


Ike Skelton, Presiding Commissioner


James Gohagan, 1st District Commissioner

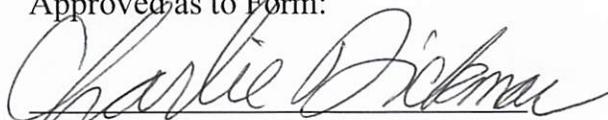

Steve Dougan, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:


Rowland Todd, County Clerk



Approved as to Form:


Charlie Dickman, County Counselor

UTV PERMIT APPLICATION

2026-2027

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER OF OWNER: _____

DRIVER'S LICENSE EXPIRATION DATE: _____

INSURANCE CARRIER: _____

(Proof of Financial Responsibility Required)

POLICY NUMBER: _____

POLICY DATES: _____

MAKE/MODEL OF UTV: _____

YEAR OF UTV: _____

COLOR OF UTV: _____

SERIAL NUMBER ON UTV: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Permit Number: _____

Issued Date: _____

Fee Paid: _____

Employee Initials: _____

I, _____, solemnly affirm and declare under penalty of perjury that:

1. I have read and understand Camden County Ordinance 12-04-2025 regulating the operation of Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs) on certain county roadways.
2. The above-described UTV meets all equipment requirements set forth in Section 4 of the Ordinance (including headlamp, tail lamp, brake lights, horn, rear-view mirror, muffler, safety flag or reflective device, and seat belts).
3. The UTV is covered by liability insurance meeting or exceeding the minimum financial responsibility requirements under Missouri law, and proof of such insurance has been provided with this application.
4. I am at least 16 years of age and possess a valid driver's license.
5. I agree to operate the UTV only in strict compliance with all provisions of the Ordinance, including but not limited to operational requirements (Section 5), limitations on where UTVs may be operated (Section 2), and all applicable traffic laws.
6. I understand that any violation of the Ordinance may result in fines, permit revocation, or other penalties as provided in Section 7.
7. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Camden County, its officials, employees, and agents from any claims, damages, or liability arising from my operation of the UTV under this permit.

Printed Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss:
COUNTY OF CAMDEN)

On this ____ day of _____, 2026, before me, a Notary Public in and for said state, personally appeared _____, known to me or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is subscribed to this application and certification, and who acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal in Camden County, Missouri, the day and year last above written.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____