Recreational Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (ROV) for the purpose of this ordinance, means a motor vehicle designed by the manufacturer for operation primarily off the highway, streets and roads, which is characterized by the following:

1. Four or more U.S. D.O.T. highway rated tires
2. A steering wheel for steering control
3. Non-straddle seating
4. Maximum speed capability greater than 35 miles per hour
5. Gross vehicle weight rating no greater than 1,750 pounds
6. Less than 80 inches in overall width, exclusive of accessories
7. Engine displacement of less than 1,000 cubic centimeters
8. Muffler
9. Identification by means of a 17-character vehicle identification number
10. Driver and passenger side rear view mirrors
11. Brakes
12. Seat belts for drivers and all passengers
13. Signal horn and directional signals
14. At least one headlight of sufficient candlepower to illuminate objects at 150 feet
15. At least one tail light and one brake light to exhibit red or amber light at a distance of two hundred feet under normal atmospheric conditions

The following are prohibited areas for “recreational off-highway vehicles” as defined above:

**State Highways**
- Hwy 90 S (Hudson Street)
- Hwy 180 E and Hwy 180 W
- Silver Heights BLVD
- Pinos Altos Road
- State Highway 15 (32nd By Pass to Mile Marker 6.2)
- Town Trails, open spaces, riparian zones, stream beds, or parks
- No person shall operate an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) or other unpermitted off-highway motor vehicle within the Town

**12-7-9 Operation and Equipment – Safety Requirements**

A person shall not operate a recreational off-highway motor vehicle on Town Streets:

- In a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the person or property of another
- While under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs as provided by 66-8-102 NMSA 1978
- In excess of the speed limits of the town
- Unless in possession of the person’s registration certificate, driver’s license, proof of insurance and safety permit
- Unless the driver of the recreational off-highway motor vehicle is 18 years of age
- Unless the ROV possesses, at minimum, all the characteristics, safety accessories, and other requirements
- All operators must have an Off Highway Motor Vehicle Safety Permit as proof of safety training (obtained through NM Game and Fish) [http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/ohv/ohv-education](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/ohv/ohv-education): 66-3-1011.C.(3)
- Unless the operator wears eye protection 66-3-1011.C.(5)
- Passengers under the age of 18 must wear a safety helmet 66-3-1010.3.B.(1)
- Must obey all traffic laws
- Unless the ROV produces no more than 96 decibels at any level of driving.
- No ROV shall operate between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. the following day.

Must be registered with MVD 66-3-1003