What is a PTV?
O.C.G.A. 40-1-1 (43.1) defines a Personal Transportation Vehicle (PTV) as any motor vehicle:

- With at least 4 wheels; Maximum speed of 19 mph;
- Maximum weight of 1,375 pounds empty and cannot transport more than 8 people.

A PTV does not include All Terrain Vehicles such as ATVs. It is illegal to operate an ATV or UTV on roads. O.C.G.A. 40-8-7.

What equipment do I need?
Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 40-6-363, PTVs must have:

- A braking system sufficient for the weight and passenger capacity of the vehicle and a parking brake.
- A reverse warning device.
- A power switch that turn off all power. If a key is used, it can only be removed when in the off position.
- Head lamps, Reflectors, Tail lamps, Horn, Rearview mirror, Safety warning labels, Seatbelts and Hand holds.
- Tires labeled for off road use only are illegal, O.C.G.A. 40-8-74.

Slow Moving Vehicles Require
- An amber strobe light for visibility from the front and rear by others. O.C.G.A. 40-8-4.
- A rear mounted orange warning triangle center mounted no less than 3 feet and no more than 5 feet above the ground.

Seat Belts and Child Seat Use Required
O.C.G.A. 40-8-76 requires any child under the age of 8 to be secured with a child safety seat appropriate for the child’s height and weight; unless the child is at least 40 pounds and 4’9” tall in which case they may wear a seat belt. All other passengers are required to wear a seat belt.

Do I need to register and insure my PTV?
Although a PTV meets the legal requirement for registration, the Department of Revenue and the local tag office are not currently set up to register PTVs. Therefore, there is no requirement to register at this time. However, you must have motor vehicle insurance on your PTV if you operate on the roadways. O.C.G.A. 33-34-4.

Where can I drive?
Public roads and streets where the posted speed limit is 35 mph or less. O.C.G.A.40-6-184.

Prohibited from impeding the flow of other vehicles from driving the speed limit. O.C.G.A. 40-6-184.

Glynn County Ordinance 2-13-56 prohibits the operation of any motorized vehicle on any sidewalk, bicycle path or bicycle route in the unincorporated portion of Glynn County outside Jekyll Island and the City of Brunswick.

Glynn County Ordinance 2-11-16 prohibits the operation of any motor vehicle on the beaches and dune area of Saint Simons Island.

Do I need a driver’s license?
Yes, you must have a valid driver's license and must obey all traffic laws. O.C.G.A. 40-5-20.

Hours of operation
Daylight hours only, unless equipped for night driving per 49 CFR 571.500: headlights, taillights, brake lights, front and rear turn signals and reflectors. O.C.G.A. 40-6-330