

**478.03 OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS AND OTHER UNDER-SPEED VEHICLES.**

- (a) While operating an Under-speed vehicle, Low-speed vehicle, Utility vehicle or Mini-truck on the streets within the Village, any owner or operator shall comply with any and all laws pertaining to motor vehicles including, without limitation, safety requirements and insurance requirements.
- (b) While an Under-speed vehicle, Utility vehicle or Mini-truck is being operated on the streets of the Village, it shall at all times be in compliance with the requirements of the Underspeed vehicle, Utility vehicle, Mini-truck Inspection Sheet.
- (c) No person shall operate a low-speed vehicle upon any street or highway having an established speed limit greater than thirty-five miles per hour.
- (d) Village employees are authorized to operate utility vehicles within the boundaries of the Village within the scope and duties of their employment.
- (e) Nothing shall prohibit a person operating a low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, or utility vehicle or a mini-truck from proceeding across an intersection of a street or highway having a speed limit greater than thirty-five miles per hour as set forth by Ohio R.C. 4511.214(B).
- (f) The Village reserves the right to permit or prohibit an Under-speed vehicle, Utility vehicle or Mini-truck from operating on any street within the Village as set forth in Ohio R.C. 4511.215.
- (g) Lap belts shall be properly installed and available with respect to each seating position located on an Under-speed vehicle, Low-speed vehicle, Utility vehicle and Mini-truck. There shall be no more than two (2) seating positions in any row of seating on an Under-speed vehicle, Utility vehicle or Mini-truck. All persons shall wear lap belts while operating or riding in a moving Under-speed vehicle, Utility vehicle or Mini-truck on a public roadway.
- (h) Shoulder belts shall be properly installed and available with respect to each passenger seating position located on an Under-speed vehicle, Utility vehicle, and Mini-truck when a child restraint is in use as set forth under Ohio R.C. 4511.81. Rear-facing child restraint seats are NOT permitted on an Under-speed vehicle, Low-speed vehicle, Utility vehicle or Mini-truck.
- (i) The driver of any Under-speed vehicle, Low-speed vehicle, Utility vehicle, or Mini-truck shall be responsible for ensuring that all passengers are in compliance with any child restraint law in effect for motor vehicles.
- (j) The person(s) operating an Under-speed vehicle, Low-speed vehicle, Utility vehicle, or Mini-truck must have a valid operator's license (ORC 4510.12) and show proof of insurance covering the Under-speed vehicle, Low-speed vehicle, Utility vehicle, or Mini-truck (ORC 4509.101) while on the public streets of the Village.
- (k) Any Under-speed vehicle approved for operation on the streets of the Village shall have no fewer than three (3) wheels as set forth in Ohio R.C. 4501.01 (XX); any Low-speed vehicle operating on the streets of the Village shall have no fewer than three (3) wheels as set forth in Ohio R.C. 4501.01(WW); any Mini-truck operating on the streets of the Village shall have no fewer than four (4) wheels as set forth in Ohio R.C. 4501.01(BBB).
- (l) No Under-speed vehicle, Low-speed vehicle, Utility vehicle, or Mini-truck shall be operated on any sidewalk, except to cross the sidewalk.
- (m) No Under-speed vehicle, Low-speed vehicle, Utility vehicle, or Mini-truck shall be stored or kept for more than two (2) hours on the grass-covered portion of a residential property.
- (n) Any Under-speed vehicle, Utility vehicle, or Mini-truck that has been modified for equipment or increased/decreased speed and no longer meets the criteria after inspection and approval will be immediately denied further operation and become subject to a citation.
- (o) Under-speed vehicle, Low-speed vehicle, Utility vehicle and Mini-Truck(s) are considered seasonal vehicles. Due to the possibility of an accident, the use of such vehicles will be strictly prohibited from operation when the roadways are snow or ice covered.
- (p) Operators of Under-speed vehicle, Low-speed vehicle, Utility vehicle, and Mini-trucks must follow all motor vehicle laws. Under-speed vehicle, Low-speed vehicle, Utility vehicle, and Mini-truck(s) and operators not complying with the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) subject themselves to citation and/or impoundment at their expense.
- (q) The Village has implemented this chapter in conjunction with the ORC and OAC, specifically as they relate to Ohio R.C. 4511.214 and Ohio R.C. 4511.215.

(r) Notwithstanding anything in this Chapter to the contrary, nothing in the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Loudonville shall make it a violation to use a Utility Vehicle or all purpose vehicle to clear snow from sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots in the Village, and for travel to and from those areas for the purpose of snow removal.

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