

Ordinance 13-2020
Passed October 27, 2020

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND PERMIT THE OPERATION OF
LOW-SPEED AND UNDER-SPEED VEHICLES ON VILLAGE STREETS
AND SIDEWALKS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PLYMOUTH, COUNTY
OF RICHLAND/HURON, STATE OF OHIO:

1. DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) "Low-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled motor vehicle with an attainable speed in one mile on a paved level surface of more than twenty miles per hour but not more than twenty-five miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight rating less than three thousand pounds.
- (b) "Under-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled vehicle, including a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart, with an attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than twenty miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight rating less than three thousand pounds.

2. PERMITTED USE ON VILLAGE STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.

Subject to the requirements of this Ordinance, the use of low-speed and under-speed vehicles shall be permitted on Village streets where the speed limit is thirty-five miles per hour or less. In the event the operator's destination is only accessible from a Village street where the speed limit is greater than thirty-five miles per hour, then the operator may use a Village sidewalk provided the operator can operate at a speed no greater than five miles per hour and pedestrians shall have the right-of-way at all times.

3. TITLE AND REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

- (a) Prior to the operation of a low-speed or under-speed vehicle on the Village streets, the vehicle must be titled in accordance with R.C. Chapter 4505 and registered in accordance with R.C. Chapter 4503.
- (b) Out of state low-speed and under-speed vehicles are not permitted on Village streets.

4. VEHICLE INSPECTION.

- (a) Before the owner of the low-speed or under-speed vehicle may obtain a new or transferred title for the vehicle, the vehicle must pass an inspection conducted by the Village of Plymouth Police Department. The inspection fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00).
- (b) At the time of the inspection, the owner of the vehicle must present all of the following:
 - (1) A valid driver's license. If the owner of the vehicle is a business, the business must require that all persons operating its vehicles have a valid driver's license;
 - (2) Proof of insurance;
 - (3) Proof of ownership;
 - (4) Proof of the gross vehicle weight;
 - (5) Payment for the inspection fee.

5. COMPLIANCE WITH TRAFFIC LAWS.

All low-speed and under-speed vehicles must be operated on Village streets in accordance with all applicable state and local traffic laws, including but not limited to the following:

- (a) Anyone who operates a vehicle on the Village streets must have a valid driver's license.
- (b) A vehicle must have the required license plates.
- (c) A vehicle must have at least minimum liability insurance coverage as required by the State of Ohio.

6. REQUIRED EQUIPMENT.

A low-speed or under-speed vehicle, at a minimum, must have all of the following:

- (a) Brake lights (two lights);
- (b) Head lights (two lights);
- (c) Tail lights (two lights);
- (d) Turn signals (two front, two rear);
- (e) A horn;
- (f) A rearview mirror;
- (g) A windshield;
- (h) Brakes and a brake system;
- (i) A steering mechanism;
- (j) A properly placed inspection sticker issued by the Plymouth Police Department;
- (k) Seat belts.

7. UNSECURED LOADS.

Objects, such as coolers, grocery and hardware purchases, and other similar objects, shall not be transported on a low-speed vehicle or under-speed vehicle unless the objects are properly secured within a flat bed or cargo area with the tailgate closed and/or with cords, straps, ties, netting, or other appropriate restraints to secure the objects and prevent them from falling onto the roadway.

8. PENALTY.

A violation of this Ordinance shall be a minor misdemeanor.

9. FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law .

PASSED: October 27, 2020

ATTEST: D. James
Village Fiscal Officer

Cassandra Jymon
Mayor
October 27, 2020
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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