

# Village of Pleasant Hill, Ohio

## ORDINANCE NO. 1153

### AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE USE AND OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

**WHEREAS**, the use of golf carts as a means of alternative transportation with the Village has increased in recent years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is required by ORC 4511.215 to authorize the operation of golf carts within the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, to provide for the safe and lawful use of golf carts upon the Village streets, the Council of the Village of Pleasant Hill deems it necessary to adopt rules governing the use and operation of golf carts;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL, OHIO**, as follows:

**Section One:** The Village of Pleasant Hill hereby enacts the following applicable to the operation and use of golf carts within the Village.

- A. A "golf cart" is a motor vehicle as the term is defined under O.R.C. §4501.01(B)(xx) and
  
- B. Equipment: In addition to any rules or regulations promulgated by the Ohio Director of Public Safety, pursuant to O.R.C. Chapter 4511 and O.R.C. Chapter 4513, equipment of the golf cart shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following items of equipment, all to be in working order during operation as required below:
  - a. Two headlights having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to reveal persons and objects at a distance at least 75 feet ahead under normal atmospheric conditions during hours of darkness.
  
  - b. At least one red taillight having sufficient intensity to be plainly visible from a distance at least 500 feet to the rear under normal atmospheric conditions during hours of darkness and two rear facing red reflectors. The reflectors may be incorporated into other rear lights.
  
  - c. Must have working directional signals.
  
  - d. Must have a rear-view mirror.
  
  - e. Must have a white light illuminating the rear license plate visible from a distance of 50 feet.

- f. Must have a horn that is audible from a distance of 200 feet.
  - g. Must have a windshield made of safety glass or a clear shatter-proof material.
  - h. Must have two brake lights that are visible from a distance of 500 feet under normal atmospheric conditions during hours of darkness. These may be incorporated with other rear facing lights.
  - i. Must have one seat safety belt per occupant.
  - j. Must have a child safety seat for any occupant under the age of four or under forty pounds in weight.
  - k. Must have a license plate bracket fastened to the rear of the golf cart.
  - l. Must be safe to operate with adequate brakes, tires and steering.
- C. Licensing Requirements of Operator:
- a. No person who is less than 16 years of age shall operate a golf cart.
  - b. The operator must hold a valid current motor vehicle driver's license.
- D. Inspection: No person shall operate a golf cart on the streets within the Village of Pleasant Hill, Ohio unless the golf cart has been inspected for compliance and approved by the Miami County Sheriff or an agent appointed by the Miami County Sheriff.
- E. Insurance: At the time of inspection, the owner of the golf cart shall provide proof of insurance listing the State Minimum Requirements for Liability Insurance for the golf cart. During operation, the operator of the golf cart shall provide proof of insurance upon request.
- F. Operation:
- a. A person may only operate the golf cart on public streets within the Village of Pleasant Hill obeying all traffic rules applicable to vehicles. No person shall operate a golf cart on any State Highway except to cross at an intersection to traverse to a different Village Street or to access the closest local street or alleyway.
  - b. Occupants of golf carts shall be seated at all times on the seat of the golf cart and must wear a fastened seat safety belt when the golf cart is in motion. Standing on any portion of the golf cart while it is in motion is prohibited.
  - c. A person shall not operate the golf cart on sidewalks.

G. Penalty: Whoever violates the provisions of this Ordinance is guilty of a minor misdemeanor for the first offense within a year. For a second offense within one year, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; and for more than two offenses within one year, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

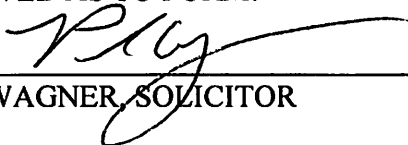
PASSED, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

  
BRENDA CARROLL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
JAMIE GREGOROVIC, FISCAL OFFICER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
PAUL WAGNER, SOLICITOR

# GOLF CART ORC REFERENCE IN ORDINANCE 1153, PARAGRAPH TWO

Section 4511.215 | Local authorization for  
operation of low-speed, under-speed, or utility  
vehicle, or a mini-truck.

Ohio Revised Code

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Title 45 Motor Vehicles-Aeronautics-Watercraft

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Chapter 4511 Traffic Laws - Operation Of Motor Vehicles

***Effective:***

*January 1, 2017*

***Latest Legislation:***

*Senate Bill 114 - 129th General Assembly*

***PDF:***

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(A) By ordinance or resolution, a local authority may authorize the operation of under-speed or utility vehicles or mini-trucks on a public street or highway under its jurisdiction. A local authority that authorizes the operation of under-speed or utility vehicles or mini-trucks shall do all of the following:

(1) Limit the operation of those vehicles to streets and highways having an established speed limit not greater than thirty-five miles per hour;

(2) Require the vehicle owner who wishes to operate an under-speed or utility vehicle or a mini-truck on the public streets or highways to submit the vehicle to an inspection conducted by a local law enforcement agency that complies with inspection requirements established by the department of public safety under section 4513.02 of the Revised Code;

(3) Permit the operation on public streets or highways of only those vehicles that successfully pass the required vehicle inspection, are registered in accordance with Chapter 4503. of the Revised Code, and are titled in accordance with Chapter 4505. of the Revised Code;

(4) Notify the director of public safety, in a manner the director determines, of the authorization for the operation of under-speed or utility vehicles or mini-trucks.

(B) A local authority may establish additional requirements for the operation of under-speed or utility vehicles or mini-trucks on its streets and highways.

**GOLF CART DEFINITION REFERENCES PER  
ORDINANCE 1152 SECTION ONE A.**

O.R.C. §4501.01(B)(xx)

vehicles as defined in division (VV) of this section, under-speed vehicles as defined in division (XX) of this section, mini-trucks as defined in division (BBB) of this section, motorized bicycles, electric bicycles, road rollers, traction engines, power shovels, power cranes, and other equipment used in construction work and not designed for or employed in general highway transportation, well-drilling machinery, ditch-digging machinery, farm machinery, and trailers that are designed and used exclusively to transport a boat between a place of storage and a marina, or in and around a marina, when drawn or towed on a public road or highway for a distance of no more than ten miles and at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less.

1990 OAG No. 90-043

**OPINION NO. 90-043**

**Syllabus:**

1. A golf cart - i.e., a four-wheeled motorized vehicle that is designed and manufactured for the primary purpose of transporting people and equipment on a golf course - is a "motor vehicle" as that term is defined in R.C. 4501.01, 4503.01, and 4505.01.
2. A golf cart may not lawfully be operated on public streets and highways unless it satisfies the statutory requirements that are applicable to motor vehicles.
3. A golf cart may not be operated on public streets and highways unless it is registered pursuant to R.C. Chapter 4503; it complies with operating requirements imposed by R.C. Chapter 4511 and equipment requirements imposed by R.C. Chapter 4513; its owner meets financial responsibility requirements imposed by R.C. Chapter 4509; and its operator has a driver's license.

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**To: Lowell S. Peterson, Ottawa County Prosecuting Attorney, Port Clinton, Ohio**  
**By: Anthony J. Celebrezze, Jr., Attorney General, June 20, 1990**

# To accompany Pleasant Hill Ordinance 1153 Low-Speed & Under-speed Vehicles



## Low-speed/Under-speed Vehicles in Pleasant Hill

Ohio Revised Code 4511.215 prohibits any low-speed or under-speed vehicles on public roadways or public property unless a local jurisdiction authorizes it. Pleasant Hill Village Council approved Ordinance No. to permit these vehicles to operate on public roadways or on public property within Pleasant Hill's Village limits under certain conditions. Registered low-speed and under-speed vehicles will be permitted on any public roadway or public property with a speed limit of 25 mph or less within Pleasant Hill 's Village limits beginning June, 2024.

### What qualifies as a low-speed or under-speed vehicle?

Ohio Revised Code 4501.01 defines low-speed and under-speed vehicles as:

"(WW)" '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."

"(XX)" '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."

### I own a low-speed or under-speed vehicle. Does this mean I have to register it now?

Registration is required only if you plan to drive your vehicle on a public roadway or on public property. If you are planning to drive your vehicle only on private property, no registration is necessary. However, please keep in mind that any unregistered vehicles being driven on a public roadway or public property will be subject to a citation or fine.

### My vehicle has already been inspected by another jurisdiction. Am I required to have it re-inspected?

Yes. The Village of Pleasant Hill requires every vehicle to be inspected by Miami County Sheriff before receiving a registration sticker.

### My vehicle qualifies. How can I register it?

1. Residents will obtain a permit from the Village of Pleasant Hill for a one time fee of \$20.

2. Residents will be able to contact the communications center at 937-440-9911 and have a deputy respond to their residence for the inspections.
3. Upon completion of a successful inspection the resident will need to take the inspection form to the auto/title office and request a title be made for the golf cart.
4. Upon receipt of the title, the resident can take the title to BMV and have Ohio tags issued for the golf cart.
5. Attach the license plate with tag to the vehicle.
6. Ensure that the vehicle complies with all requirements while being operated on any public roadway or public property within Pleasant Hill Village limits.

### **Where can I drive?**

Any public roadway or public property within Pleasant Hill's Village limits with a speed limit of 25 mph or less. You may cross any public roadway with a speed limit of 35 mph. Golf carts are not permitted on State Routes or county roadways where speed limit is 55, regardless if they are street legal and the Village passes an ordinance.

### **Am I subject to the same laws as when driving a motor vehicle?**

Yes. Drivers must obey the same laws that apply to driving other motor vehicles. All vehicle operators must be licensed drivers 16 years of age or older.

### **Questions?**

Contact the Village of Pleasant Hill, 937-676-3321.

You may download/view the [Low-Speed/Under-speed Vehicle Inspection Checklist here.](#)



Department of Public Safety

INSPECTION OF UNDER-SPEED VEHICLE, UTILITY VEHICLE, OR MINI-TRUCK

An inspection is being performed on the following vehicle type. (Check only one)

UNDER-SPEED VEHICLE

UTILITY VEHICLE

MINI-TRUCK

OWNER INFORMATION

NAME OF OWNER (PLEASE PRINT)			
STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP

VEHICLE INFORMATION

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN)		GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT (UNDER-SPEED VEHICLE)
MAKE	MODEL	UNLADEN WEIGHT (MINI-TRUCK)

The above vehicle includes the following equipment as required:

- Brakes
- Brake lights (2 lights)
- Head lights (2 lights)
- Tail lights (2 lights)
- Warning devices / reflectors (e.g., turn signals)
- Steering mechanism
- Windshield
- Rearview mirror
- Tires (In safe operating conditions)

All equipment must be in proper working order to pass inspection.

COMMENTS

NAME OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY			
STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
NAME OF ACTIVE OFFICER PERFORMING INSPECTION (PRINT NAME)		OFFICER BADGE #	

I certify that the above vehicle has been physically inspected and complies with all requirements of Chapter 4501-30 of the Ohio Administrative Code and section 4511.215 of the Ohio Revised Code.

OFFICER SIGNATURE	DATE
X	

Note: This inspection is verifying that the vehicle is properly equipped if it were to be used on roadways of 35 mph or less. It is the owner's / operator's responsibility to find out where the vehicle is allowed to be driven in each jurisdiction.