

SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON

Ordinance 25-119 (Current) vs. Proposed Amended Ordinance

Section 478 — Operation of Low-Speed, Under-Speed, Utility Vehicles, and Mini-Trucks

(a) Definitions

Current Ordinance	Proposed Amended Ordinance
Uses ORC 4501.01 definitions.	No change.

(b) Streets Where Operation is Permitted

Current Ordinance	Proposed Amended Ordinance
Permitted on all streets with speed limit 35 MPH or less.	Revised to: - Permitted only on streets posted 25 MPH or below. New prohibitions: - No operation on state routes (SR 91, SR 303). - No operation on major arterials (Barlow, Terex). - No operation in DORA areas.

(c) Inspection, Registration, and Titling

Current Ordinance	Proposed Amended Ordinance
- Inspected by "local law enforcement agency." - Registered per ORC 4503. - Titled per ORC 4505.	Expanded and clarified: - Must be physically inspected by the Hudson Police Department. - Registered per ORC 4503. - Titled per ORC 4505. - Must have a manufacturer-assigned VIN (no homemade units). Full HPD physical inspection every 3 years. Annual renewal verifying continued compliance. - Must display a valid HPD inspection compliance sticker.

(d) Equipment Requirements

Current Ordinance	Proposed Amended Ordinance
No equipment standards beyond ORC.	Adds: • Seatbelts required for all occupants. • No passengers requiring child restraints (ORC 4511.81). • License-plate light required. • No off-road / non-DOT tires. • Must maintain minimum 20 MPH. • Must not exceed 25 MPH design speed.

(e) Passenger & Safety Restrictions

Current Ordinance	Proposed Amended Ordinance
No passenger-specific rules.	Adds: • No more occupants than installed seats. • Rear passengers may not obstruct brake lights. • No standing passengers. • No person under age 17 may operate a low-speed, under-speed, utility vehicle, or mini-truck.

(f) Prohibited Areas of Operation

Current Ordinance	Proposed Amended Ordinance
No prohibitions listed.	Adds: • No operation on sidewalks. • No berms/shoulders. • No bike paths or multi-use trails. • No parks or green spaces. • No non-motor-vehicle areas.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

- Moves Hudson from a **35 MPH citywide allowance** to a **25 MPH neighborhood-street model**.
- Removes carts from **state routes, arterials, and DORA**.
- Establishes **HPD-controlled inspection, renewal, and compliance**. (Annual Sticker)
- Adds **clear safety, equipment, and passenger rules**.
- Adds a **minimum operator age of 17**