

AN ORDINANCE CODIFYING THE RIGHT TO OPERATE A LOW-SPEED, UNDER-SPEED, UTILITY VEHICLE, OR MINI-TRUCK IN THE CITY OF HUDSON.

WHEREAS, recent amendments to Ohio Revised Code section 4511.214 [“Operation of low-speed, under-speed, or utility vehicle, or a mini-truck”], made under House Bill 54 of the 136th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, necessitate the following; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 4511.214(B)(2)(a) as amended, provides local authorities with the right to permit the use of low and under speed vehicles, provided it complies with Ohio Revised Code 4511.215; and

WHEREAS, low and under speed vehicles such as “golf carts”, “gators,” “side-by-sides,” or “UTVs” are commonly used throughout the City of Hudson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Hudson, Summit County, Ohio, as follows:

Section 1. That PART FOUR – TRAFFIC CODE, TITLE TEN - Bicycles, Motorcycles and Snowmobiles of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Hudson shall be amended such that TITLE TEN shall now be called “TITLE TEN - Bicycles, Motorcycles, Snowmobiles, Low-speed vehicles, Under-speed vehicles, Utility vehicles, and Mini-trucks.”

Section 2. That Chapter 478 shall be enacted under PART FOUR – TRAFFIC CODE, TITLE TEN - Bicycles, Motorcycles, Snowmobiles, Low-speed vehicles, Under-speed vehicles, Utility vehicles, and Mini-trucks of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Hudson be hereby amended and provide as set forth in the document attached as Exhibit “A” which is fully incorporated herein.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Section 5. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code 4511.215(A)(4), upon passage of this ordinance, the Clerk of Council shall submit a copy of this ordinance to the Director of Public Safety for the State of Ohio.

PASSED: _____

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 25-119 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2025.

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

EXHIBIT "A"

C.O. 478 OPERATION OF A LOW-SPEED, UNDER-SPEED, UTILITY VEHICLE, OR MINI-TRUCK

(a) As used in this section, "low-speed vehicle," "under-speed vehicle," "utility vehicle", and "mini-truck" shall have the same meanings as Section 4501.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(b) The use of low-speed vehicles, under-speed vehicles, utility vehicles, and mini trucks shall be permitted on all streets having an established speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less, provided that the vehicle:

- (1) Has been inspected by the local law enforcement agency, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 4513.02;
- (2) Has been registered, in accordance with Chapter 4503 of the Ohio Revised Code; and,
- (3) Has been titled, in accordance with Chapter 4505 of the Ohio Revised Code.