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Under-speed Vehicle, Low-speed Vehicle, Utility Vehicle, Mini-Truck Information Packet

Chapters 4511.214 and 4511.215 of the Ohio Revised Code allows motorists the authority to operate under-speed, low-speed, utility, and mini-truck vehicles on roadways within the city limits. This information packet will outline the steps you must take to have your vehicle certified to operate on public roadways.

Definitions:

"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.

"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.

"Mini-truck" means a vehicle that has four wheels, is propelled by an electric motor with a rated power of seven thousand five hundred watts or less or an internal combustion engine with a piston displacement capacity of six hundred sixty cubic centimeters or less, has a total dry weight of nine hundred to two thousand two hundred pounds, contains an enclosed cabin and a seat for the vehicle operator, resembles a pickup truck or van with a cargo area or bed located at the rear of the vehicle, and was not originally manufactured to meet federal motor vehicle safety standards.

"Utility vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle designed with a bed, principally for the purpose of transporting material or cargo in connection with construction, agricultural, forestry, grounds maintenance, lawn and garden, materials handling, or similar activities.

Included in this information packet is a copy of the Nelsonville Police Department's Inspection Certificate for under-speed, low-speed, utility, and mini-truck vehicles so you can make sure your vehicle meets the requirements before scheduling your inspection.

Here are the *steps that you will need to complete* to certify your vehicle for operation on public roadways:

1. In order to have your vehicle properly inspected, you will need to contact the Nelsonville Police Department, any BMV Office, or any other Police Department to schedule an appointment for the inspection.

Inspection appointments with NPD can be scheduled on Wednesdays between the hours of 10:00AM and 2:00PM, or by special appointment requests (permitting the time is available to do so). Each scheduled appointment will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Inspection days and times with NPD are subject to change.

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Athens County BMV (740) 592-4467

Hocking County BMV (740) 385-1876

2. This is first step in legalizing your vehicle for operation on a roadway. (**Written documentation showing State Minimum Liability Insurance coverage on the under-speed or low-speed vehicle must be shown at the time of the inspection**). Once all inspection requirements have been met, you will be given a completed Certificate of Inspection.
3. You will take your Inspection Certificate, Proof of Insurance and Proof of Ownership to the Title Office of your choice. Once they have verified that everything is in order, they will issue you a Certificate of Title.
4. Finally, you will need to take the above items to a Deputy Registrar where they will verify you have completed the above steps and then you will be issued the license plates for your under-speed or low-speed vehicle.

Operation of your under-speed or low-speed vehicle must be in accordance with ALL motor vehicle laws located within the Ohio Revised Code including having a valid operator's license. *This includes not operating the vehicle on any roadway where the posted speed limit is greater than 35 MPH.* (ORC 4511.214)

The following are excerpts from the Ohio Revised Code of the requirements that must be met for your under-speed or low-speed vehicle to be operated on the roadways in the City of Nelsonville.

- **ORC 4503.21:** No person who is the owner or operator of a motor vehicle shall fail to display in plain view on the front and rear of the motor vehicle the distinctive number and registration mark, including any county identification sticker and any validation sticker issued under sections **4503.19** and **4503.191** of the Revised Code, furnished by the director of public safety.

- **ORC 4507.02:** No person shall permit the operation of a motor vehicle upon any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking knowing the operator does not have a valid driver's license issued to the operator by the registrar of motor vehicles under this chapter or a valid commercial driver's license issued under **Chapter 4506** of the Revised Code.

- **ORC 4509.101:** No person shall operate, or permit the operation of, a motor vehicle in this state, unless proof of financial responsibility is maintained continuously throughout the registration period with respect to that vehicle, or, in the case of a driver who is not the owner, with respect to that driver's operation of that vehicle.

- **ORC 4511.214:** 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.

This does not preclude you from merely crossing an intersection with a roadway where the speed limit is greater than 35 MPH.

- **ORC 4513.05:** Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with at least one taillight mounted on the rear which when lighted, shall emit a red light visible from five hundred feet to the rear. Either a taillight or a separate light shall be constructed and placed as to illuminate with a white light the rear registration plate and render it legible from fifty feet to the rear.

- **ORC 4513.06:** Every motor vehicle shall carry at the rear, either as a part of the tail lamps or separately, two red reflectors of such size and characteristics and so maintained as to be visible at night from all distances within three hundred feet to fifty feet from such vehicle.

- **ORC 4513.071:** Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with two or more stop lights which shall be mounted on the rear of the vehicle, actuated upon application of the service brake, and may be incorporated with other rear lights. Such stop lights when actuated shall emit a red light visible from five hundred feet to the rear.

- **ORC 4513.16:** Any motor vehicle may be operated under the conditions specified in section **4513.03** of the Revised Code when it is equipped with two lighted lights upon the front, that is capable of revealing persons and substantial objects seventy-five feet ahead, in lieu of lights required in section **4513.14** of the Revised Code, provided that such vehicle shall not be operated at a speed in excess of twenty miles per hour.

- **ORC 4513.21:** Every motor vehicle when operated upon a highway shall be equipped with a horn which is in good working order and capable of emitting audible sound, under normal conditions, from a distance of not less than two hundred feet.

- **ORC 4513.23:** Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a mirror so located as to reflect to the operator a view of the highway to the rear of such vehicle.

- **ORC 4513.24:** No person shall drive any motor vehicle on a street or highway in this state that is not equipped with a windshield.

- **ORC 4513.261:** No person shall operate any motor vehicle unless the vehicle is equipped with electrical or mechanical directional signals.

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|---------|------|-------|-------|----------------------|--|-------|----------|
| Name | | | | Phone Number | | Date | |
| Address | | | | City | | State | Zip Code |
| Year | Make | Model | Color | VIN SERIAL NUMBER | | | |

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|-----|----|--|----------------------------------|
| YES | NO | Requires a valid driver's license for ANY operation of a MOTOR VEHICLE on public or private property. | Ohio Revised Code 4507.02(A)(1) |
| YES | NO | Must show proof of insurance listing State Minimum Requirements for Liability Insurance for said Golf Cart. | Ohio Revised Code 4509.101(A)(1) |
| YES | NO | Must be equipped with a minimum of one tail light, visible from a distance of 500 feet. | Ohio Revised Code 4513.05 |
| YES | NO | Must be equipped with two red reflectors. (May be incorporated into other rear lights.) | Ohio Revised Code 4513.06 |
| YES | NO | Must have a light to illuminate the rear license plate & make the plate legible from a distance of 50 feet. | Ohio Revised Code 4513.05 |
| YES | NO | Must be equipped with two brake lights, visible from a distance of 500 feet. (May be incorporated into other rear lights.) | Ohio Revised Code 4513.071 |
| YES | NO | Must have two working headlights capable of illuminating persons or objects at a distance of at least 75 feet. | Ohio Revised Code 4513.16 |
| YES | NO | Must have a working horn, audible from not less than 200 feet. | Ohio Revised Code 4513.21 |
| YES | NO | Must have a rear view mirror. | Ohio Revised Code 4513.23 |
| YES | NO | Must have a windshield. (glass or safety glass) | Ohio Revised Code 4513.24 |
| YES | NO | Must have working directional (turn) signals. | Ohio Revised Code 4513.261 |

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| Officer's Signature/Badge # | Applicant's Signature |
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FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY



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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brakes | <input type="checkbox"/> Steering mechanism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brake lights (2 lights) | <input type="checkbox"/> Windshield |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Head lights (2 lights) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rearview mirror |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tail lights (2 lights) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tires (In safe operating conditions) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warning devices / reflectors (e.g., turn signals) | |

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

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| COMMENTS |
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| 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.

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| 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.