

ORDINANCE NO. 62**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

The Town Board of the Town of Grand Rapids, Wood County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows with regard to its Town Ordinances:

62.1 PURPOSE

This ordinance shall regulate the operation of neighborhood electric vehicles within the Town.

62.2 DEFINITION

“Neighborhood Electric Vehicle” (NEV) means a self-propelled motor vehicle that has successfully completed the neighborhood electric vehicle America test program conducted by the federal Department of Energy and that conforms to the definition and requirements for low speed vehicles as adopted in the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for low-speed vehicles under 49 CFR 572.3(b) and 571.500. “NEV” does not include an electric golf cart.

62.3 NEV EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

An NEV shall be 4-wheeled and have a maximum speed range of at least 20 miles per hour and not more than 25 miles per hour on a paved surface and shall have a gross vehicle weight of less than 3,000 pounds.

62.4 PERMITTED USERS

An operator of an NEV on a town highway must hold a valid motor vehicle operator’s license.

62.5 OPERATION OF AN NEV

- A. **Operation on Town Highways.** A permitted user may operate an NEV on any town highway in the town of Grand Rapids that has a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less. Headlamps of the NEV must be illuminated during operation on any town highway.
- B. **Times of Operation.** An NEV may only be operated on a town highway during the period of between dawn and dusk.
- C. **License Requirement.** An NEV shall be registered by the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the registration shall be issued to the owner of the vehicle.

D. **Application of Motor Vehicle Laws.** The operation of a NEV on a town highway shall comply in all respects with the regulations applicable to motor vehicles set forth in the Wisconsin Statutes and town ordinances.

62.6 SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance is found to be unconstitutional or otherwise contrary to law, then such provision shall be deemed void and severed from the Ordinance and the remainder of this Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect.

62.7 PENALTIES

Any person convicted of violating this Ordinance shall be subject to the forfeiture set forth in Ordinance 39, together with the costs of prosecution.

This ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its passage and publication as provided by law.

HISTORY

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