

TOWN OF GENEVA, WISCONSIN
ORDINANCE NO. 66

An Ordinance to create Ordinance No. 66 of the Town of Geneva Ordinances, related to Neighborhood Electric Vehicles.

The Town of Geneva, Wisconsin Board does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1: Ordinance No. 66 of the Town of Geneva Ordinances is hereby created to read as follows:

Section 74-21: Neighborhood Electric Vehicles Permitted

A. Definitions

"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 571.3(b) and 571.500. NEV does not include a golf cart.

B. Standards

1. NEVs shall be 4-wheeled and have a speed range of at least 20 miles per hour and not more than 25 miles per hour on paved surfaces; and shall have a gross vehicle weight at rest of less than 2500 pounds.

2. NEV's shall meet the general test conditions under 49 CFR 571.50056, and shall have functioning headlamps (and must be on at all times during operation on Town roads), front and rear turn signals, stop lamps, reflex reflectors-one red on each side as far to the rear as practicable and one red on the rear, an exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side and either an exterior mirror on the passenger side or an interior review mirror, parking brake, a windshield that conforms to the requirements of the federal motor vehicle safety standard on glazing materials(49 CFR 571.205), a vehicle identification number (VIN) that complies with federal law (49 CFR 565), a Type 1 or Type 2 seatbelt assembly conforming to 49 CFR 571.3209, and Federal Motor Safety Standard No. 209, for each designated seating position. Neighborhood Electric Vehicles must meet the general test conditions under 49 CFR 571.50056.

C. Limitations and Permitted Use

NEV's, authorized pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 349.26, shall be allowed to operate on any public road, parking lot, or alley within the Town of Geneva subject to the following restrictions:

1. NEV's shall not operate on any public road within the Town where the speed limit exceeds 35 miles per hour.

2. A NEV shall not operate on State Highways 67 and 50 nor U.S. Highway 12 with the exception of crossing them at intersections.

3. A NEV shall not operate on any designated bike lane or pedestrian path within the Town of Geneva.

D. Operation Requirements

1. Any person who operates a NEV must hold a valid driver's license.

2. The NEV shall also be registered in accordance with Section 341.297, Stats.

E. Violation

Each violation of this section may result in the issuance of a citation and payment of a forfeiture by the violator in an amount of not less than fifty dollars and not more than five hundred dollars together with any applicable penalty and other surcharges, and court costs.

Section 2: This ordinance shall be effective the day following its publication.

Dated this ___ day of _____, 2008.

Daniel L. Lauderdale, Chairman

Bob Kamps, Supervisor #1

Keith Millard, Supervisor #2

Trish Fahey, Supervisor #3

Steve Kukla, Supervisor #4

ATTEST:

Debra L. Kirch, Clerk/Treasurer