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Under-Speed Vehicles, Utility Vehicles, and Mini-Truck Information Packet

For the past several years, the Village of Fort Recovery has authorized the use of golf carts and "side-by-sides" (e.g., Rangers, Razors, Gators) on Village streets. Due to the enactment of a new Ohio law, the Village was required to change its local laws, as well as the inspection program for such vehicles. This information packet is designed to help you understand and comply with those changes, which took effect March 6, 2017.

I. TYPES OF "MULTI-USE" VEHICLES THAT ARE PERMITTED IN THE VILLAGE

Under-speed vehicles, utility vehicles, and mini-trucks (collectively referred to herein as "Multi-Use Vehicles") are permitted in the Village.

A. "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.

B. "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. Examples of utility vehicles include Rangers, Razors, and Gators.

C. "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.

II. STREETS WHERE YOU MAY DRIVE MULTI-USE VEHICLES

Multi-Use Vehicles can be driven on all Village streets where the speed limit is **35 mph or less**.

III. STEPS YOU MUST TAKE TO HAVE YOUR MULTI-USE VEHICLE AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE ON VILLAGE STREETS

Set forth below are the steps you must take to have your Multi-Use Vehicle authorized to operate on Village Streets. Please note that *out-of-state* Multi-Use Vehicles are NOT permitted on Village Streets.

A. Newly Purchased Multi-Use Vehicles

- Call the Fort Recovery Police Department (“FRPD”) at (419) 375-2662 to schedule an inspection of your vehicle. A copy of the inspection form (Ohio Department of Public Safety Form 1373) is included in this packet for your review. **The inspection fee is \$50.00.**
- Bring the following to your inspection appointment: (1) a valid driver’s license; (2) proof of insurance; and (3) payment for the inspection fee (if you pay by check, please make the check out to the Village of Fort Recovery). Also, if your vehicle is an *under-speed vehicle*, you must bring the *gross vehicle weight*. If your vehicle is a *mini-truck*, you must bring the *unladen weight*.
- If your vehicle passes inspection, you will be issued a signed inspection form and an inspection sticker. Place the sticker on the lower right side of your windshield (the driver side). The sticker must remain visible at all times while operating your Multi-Use Vehicle on Village streets. If your sticker is lost, damaged, or destroyed, you must contact FRPD immediately to obtain a replacement sticker. **Replacement stickers are \$5.00.**
- Take your signed inspection form, proof of insurance, proof of ownership, and driver’s license to the Mercer County Title Office (“Title Office”). Once they have reviewed and verified your documents, the Title Office will issue you a Certificate of Title.
- Take your signed inspection form, proof of insurance, proof of ownership, driver’s license, and Certificate of Title to the Mercer County Deputy Registrar where they will verify that you have completed the above steps; they then will issue you license plate(s) for your vehicle.

B. Multi-Use Vehicles that are Titled and Registered in the State of Ohio and Were Inspected by FRPD Prior to March 6, 2017

- You must have your vehicle reinspected due to new inspection requirements. Call FRPD at (419) 375-2662 to schedule the inspection. A copy of the inspection form (Ohio Department of Public Safety Form 1373) is included in this packet for your review. **If your vehicle is inspected by December 31, 2017, there will be no inspection fee. If your vehicle is inspected after December 31, 2017, the inspection fee is \$20.00.**
- Bring the following to your inspection appointment: (1) a valid driver's license; (2) proof of insurance; and (3) payment for the inspection fee, if applicable (if you pay by check, please make the check out to the Village of Fort Recovery). Also, if your vehicle is an *under-speed vehicle*, you must bring the *gross vehicle weight*.
- If your vehicle passes inspection, you will be issued a signed inspection form and an inspection sticker. Place the sticker on the lower right side of your windshield (the driver side). The sticker must remain visible at all times while operating your Multi-Use Vehicle on Village streets. If your sticker is lost, damaged, or destroyed, you must contact FRPD immediately to obtain a replacement sticker. **Replacement stickers are \$5.00.**

C. Multi-Use Vehicles that are Titled and Registered in the State of Ohio and Were Inspected by Another Local Law Enforcement Agency

- You must have your vehicle inspected by FRPD to have authority to operate it on Village streets. Call FRPD at (419) 375-2662 to schedule an inspection. A copy of the inspection form (Ohio Department of Public Safety Form 1373) is included in this packet for your review. **The inspection fee is \$20.00.**
- Bring the following to your inspection appointment: (1) a valid driver's license; (2) proof of insurance; and (3) payment for the inspection fee (if you pay by check, please make the check out to the Village of Fort Recovery). Also, if your vehicle is an *under-speed vehicle*, you must bring the *gross vehicle weight*. If your vehicle is a *mini-truck*, you must bring the *unladen weight*.
- If your vehicle passes inspection, you will be issued a signed inspection form and an inspection sticker. Place the sticker on the lower right side of your windshield (the driver side). The sticker must remain visible at all times while operating your Multi-Use Vehicle on Village streets. If your sticker is lost, damaged, or destroyed, you must contact FRPD immediately to obtain a replacement sticker. **Replacement stickers are \$5.00.**

IV. OPERATION OF MULTI-USE VEHICLES

You must operate your Multi-Use Vehicle in accordance with all applicable State and local traffic laws, including but not limited to the following:

- Anyone who operates your vehicle on Village streets must have a valid driver's license.
- Your vehicle must have the required license plate(s).
- You must maintain at least State minimum liability insurance coverage for your vehicle.
- Your vehicle must have properly working brake lights (2), tail lights (2), head lights (2), turn signals (2 front; 2 rear), and a white rear license plate light.
- You may only operate your vehicle on Village streets where the speed limit is 35 mph or less.
- Your vehicle must have a horn.
- Your vehicle must have a rearview mirror.
- Your vehicle must have a windshield.
- Your vehicle must have properly functioning brakes and a properly functioning brake system.
- Your vehicle must have a properly functioning steering mechanism.
- Your vehicle must have appropriate tires that are free of major bumps, bulges, breaks, or any other unsafe condition.

V. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS

Failure to comply with the requirements discussed herein is a minor misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Each day of non-compliance constitutes a separate violation.

**VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-06**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF UNDER-SPEED VEHICLES, UTILITY VEHICLES, AND MINI-TRUCKS ON VILLAGE STREETS WHERE THE SPEED LIMIT IS THIRTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR OR LESS, PROVIDING AN INSPECTION PROGRAM THEREFOR, REPEALING INCONSISTENT LEGISLATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, for the past several years, the Village has permitted the use of golf carts and “side-by-sides” (e.g., Rangers, Razors, Gators, etc.) on Village streets; and

WHEREAS, Substitute Senate Bill 114, which was passed by the 129th General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Kasich in 2013, imposes certain requirements on municipalities that authorize the use of such vehicles on municipal streets; and

WHEREAS, Substitute Senate Bill 114 was codified in Title 45 of the Ohio Revised Code, and the relevant provisions thereof became effective on January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Village must revise its local laws and inspection program for golf carts and side-by-sides, as required by Substitute Senate Bill 114, to continue to allow such vehicles on Village streets; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires also to allow mini-trucks (as defined below) on Village streets, as authorized by Substitute Senate Bill 114.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Fort Recovery, County of Mercer, State of Ohio, at least three-fourths of all members elected thereto concurring that:

SECTION ONE

Subject to the requirements set forth herein, the use of “under-speed vehicles,” “utility vehicles,” and “mini-trucks” (collectively referred to herein as “Multi-Use Vehicles”) shall be permitted on Village streets where the speed limit is thirty-five miles per hour or less.

“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.

“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. Examples of utility vehicles include Rangers, Razors, and Gators.

“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.

SECTION TWO

- A. Prior to the operation of a Multi-Use Vehicle on Village streets, the Multi-Use Vehicle must pass an inspection conducted by the Fort Recovery Police Department (“FRPD”). A copy of the inspection form is attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”
 - 1. The inspection fee for a newly-purchased Multi-Use Vehicle is \$50.00.
 - 2. The inspection fee for a Multi-Use Vehicle that was inspected by FRPD prior to March 6, 2017 will be waived if the vehicle is reinspected by FRPD by December 31, 2017. If the vehicle is reinspected after December 31, 2017, the inspection fee is \$20.00.
 - 3. The inspection fee for a Multi-Use Vehicle that has been inspected by another local law enforcement agency in the State of Ohio is \$20.00.
- B. At the time of the inspection, the owner/operator of the Multi-Use Vehicle must present the following to FRPD: (1) a valid driver’s license; (2) proof of insurance; and (3) payment for the inspection fee (if applicable).
 - 1. If your Multi-Use Vehicle is an *under-speed vehicle*, the owner/operator also must provide to FRPD the *gross vehicle weight*.
 - 2. If your Multi-Use Vehicle is a *mini-truck*, the owner/operator also must provide to FRPD the *unladen weight*.
- C. If a Multi-Use Vehicle passes inspection, the owner/operator will be issued an inspection sticker. The sticker must be placed on the lower left side of the vehicle’s windshield (passenger side). The sticker must remain visible at all times while operating the vehicle on Village streets. If an inspection sticker is lost, damaged, or destroyed, a replacement sticker must be obtained from FRPD at a cost of \$5.00.

SECTION THREE

Prior to the operation of a Multi-Use Vehicle on Village streets, the vehicle must be registered in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4503, and titled in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4505. Out-of-state Multi-Use Vehicles are not permitted on Village streets.

SECTION FOUR

All Multi-Use Vehicles must be operated in accordance with all applicable state and local traffic laws.

SECTION FIVE

A. All Multi-Use Vehicles, at a minimum, must have the following *properly functioning* equipment:

1. Brake lights (2), tail lights (2), head lights (2), turn signals (2 front; 2 rear), and a white rear license plate light;
2. A horn;
3. A rearview mirror;
4. A windshield;
5. Brakes and a brake system;
6. A steering mechanism; and
7. Appropriate tires that are free of major bumps, bulges, breaks, or any other unsafe condition.

SECTION SIX

A violation of this ordinance shall be a minor misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than one-hundred dollars (\$100.00). Each day of non-compliance shall constitute a separate violation.

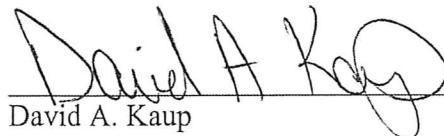
SECTION SEVEN

All Village legislation inconsistent herewith, including but not limited to Ordinance 2012-04, is hereby repealed.

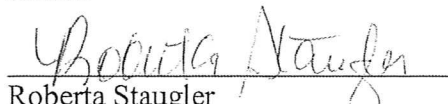
SECTION EIGHT

This ordinance is deemed an emergency measure necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Village of Fort Recovery, Ohio, because the Village must revise its local laws to comply with Substitute Senate Bill 114 as soon as possible. Therefore, it shall take effect and be in force immediately from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor

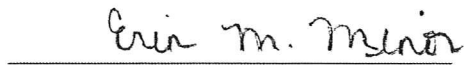
Adopted this 6th day of March, 2017.


David A. Kaup
Mayor

Attest:


Roberta Staugler
Village Fiscal Officer

Approved as to Form:


Erin M. Minor
Village Solicitor



**VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-08**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2(C) OF ORDINANCE
NO. 2017-06, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Fort Recovery, County of Mercer,
State of Ohio, at least three-fourths of all members elected thereto concurring that:

SECTION ONE

Section 2(C) of Ordinance No. 2017-06 currently reads:

If a Multi-Use Vehicle passes inspection, the owner/operator will be issued an inspection sticker. The sticker must be placed on the lower left side of the vehicle's windshield (passenger side). The sticker must remain visible at all times while operating the vehicle on Village streets. If an inspection sticker is lost, damaged, or destroyed, a replacement sticker must be obtained from FRPD at a cost of \$5.00.

That section is hereby amended to read as follows:

If a Multi-Use Vehicle passes inspection, the owner/operator will be issued an inspection sticker. *The sticker must be placed on the lower right side of the vehicle's windshield (driver side).* The sticker must remain visible at all times while operating the vehicle on Village streets. If an inspection sticker is lost, damaged, or destroyed, a replacement sticker must be obtained from FRPD at a cost of \$5.00.

SECTION TWO

All legislation inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

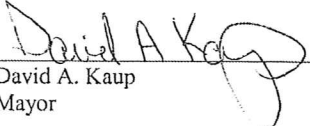
SECTION THREE

This ordinance is deemed an emergency measure necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Village of Fort Recovery, Ohio, because of the immediate need to correct the error in Ordinance No. 2017-06. Therefore, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Adopted this 3rd day of April, 2017.

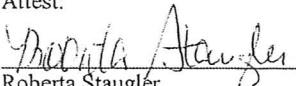
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No. of No Votes 0



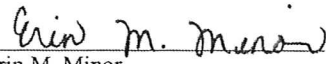
David A. Kaup
Mayor

Attest:



Roberta Staugler
Village Fiscal Officer

Approved as to Form:



Erin M. Minor
Village Solicitor



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

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

COMMENTS

In order to be in compliance with the Village of Fort Recovery Ordinance, it was verified that the owner has a valid driver's license, they showed proof of insurance on the vehicle, their vehicle was also checked for a white license plate light on the rear of the vehicle and it was checked for a working horn.

NAME OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY Fort Recovery Police Department			
STREET ADDRESS 201 South Main Street	CITY Fort Recovery	STATE OH	ZIP 45846-
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.

OFFICER SIGNATURE X	DATE
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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.