

ORDINANCE NO. 630-07

ORDINANCE TO REGULATE NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES

The COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Columbus does hereby ordain as follows:

SEC. I. The City of Columbus desires to encourage the use of energy and fuel efficient modes of transportation.

SEC. II. SEC. 98-310 IS CREATED AS FOLLOWS:

98-310 NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES

(a) DEFINITIONS

1. "Neighborhood Electric Vehicles" (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.
 2. 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 a paved surface and have a gross vehicle weight at rest of less than 2, 500 pounds. NEV does not include an electric golf cart and shall have:
 1. Headlamps;
 2. Front and rear turn signals;
 3. Stop Lamps;
 4. Reflex reflectors: one red on each side as far to the rear as practicable, and one red on the rear;
 5. An exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side and either and exterior mirror on the passenger side or an interior rearview mirror;
 6. Parking brake;
 7. A windshield that conforms to the requirements of the federal motor safety standard on glazing materials (49 CFR 571.205);
 8. A Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) that complies with federal law 949 CFR 565);
 9. A Type 1 or Type 2 seatbelt assembly conforming to 49 CFR 571.209, and Federal Motor Safety Standard No. 209, for each designated seating position; and
 10. Meets the general test conditions under 49 CFR 571.500056.
- (b) To Operate an NEV on streets within the City of Columbus, the operator shall possess a valid Wisconsin's Driver's license which is not suspended or revoked.
- (c) An NEV may be operated on any streets in the City having a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less.
- (d) The operation of NEVs as permitted herein shall comply in all respects with the

applicable sections of the City of Columbus Municipal Code.

SEC. III. This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF JANUARY 2008.

_____/s/_____
Nancy Osterhaus, Mayor

Attest: _____/s/_____
Anne Donahue, Clerk