

Under Speed Vehicles

The City of Groveport and the Groveport Police Department (GPD), recognizes that alternative transportation helps with fuels costs, quality of air and more importantly that down home feeling of living in Central Ohio's best kept secret.

Slow speed vehicles are governed by the Ohio Revised Code and all licensing and traffic laws must be followed. Remember, your vehicle no longer is a "golf cart or a utility vehicle" it becomes a motorized vehicle.

We hope this brochure will assist you in keeping our beautiful city safe.

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**MAKING A DIFFERENCE
IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Golf Carts and Under Speed Vehicles

Chief Ralph Portier and the staff of the Groveport Police Department appreciate the constant support of the citizens of the City of Groveport.



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Golf Carts and Under Speed vehicles

The Groveport Division of Police recognizes the need for transportation within the City of Groveport corporation limits; there is an alternative means of transportation to traveling to and from your residence within our community, the State of Ohio allows the use of Under Speed Vehicles (USV) to be operated on public roadways within the state of Ohio. An Under Speed Vehicle is a four-wheeled vehicle other than a truck that either is originally designed and constructed with a top attainable speed of 20 mph or less, or is not originally designed and constructed for operation on a street or highway. Most golf carts are USVs.

What do I need to do to obtain an inspection and license plates for my Under Speed Vehicle?

- 1) Arrange to have your vehicle inspected by the **Franklin County Sheriff's Department**. Their task will be to ensure that you meet the requirements in accordance to the Ohio Revised Code.
- 2) Be sure to obtain license plates and have valid insurance before driving on the streets!

The vehicle may not exceed **20 mph** on any street inside the city limits.

The USV is not allowed on any bike/walking trail and cannot be driven on sidewalks. It will be considered a motor vehicle as defined by the Ohio Revised Code.

All traffic laws, including OVI, Driving under suspension as well as simple traffic laws will be cited, like any other motor vehicle.

Only valid drivers—those with a valid driver's license may operate the vehicle on public and private roadways.

We ask that you are vigilant and respect everyone's property. Do not drive on other people's property without obtaining written permission.

Please obtain all the information from the Groveport Police Department before driving on the streets!

Minimum requirements:

2 headlights, visible from 100 feet or further

1 tail light, visible from 50 feet

2 working brake lights

Audible horn, audible from 200 feet or further

Seat belts for driver and passenger

Directional signals, front and rear

Windshield made of safety glass including a wiper to maintain an unobstructed view for the driver

Rearview mirror, unobstructed

Working exhaust system

Brakes with sufficient stopping power, within 40 feet at a speed of 20mph

2 license plate brackets, front and rear

Ability to illuminate rear license plate at 500 feet

Only drivers with a valid drivers license may drive the vehicle