

UTILITY VEHICLES AND GOLF CARTS

§ 73.16.01 DEFINITIONS. (ORC 4501.01)

VV) "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.

(XX) "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.

"Owner" means any person or entity, other than a lien holder or dealer, having title to a UTV or USV or legal rights to possession thereof.

"Operator" means any person who operates or is in actual physical control of a UTV or USV.

§ 73.16.02 EQUIPMENT.

(A) Utility or under-speed vehicles operated on public roadways within the Village of Albany, Ohio, shall have the following functional equipment thereon as provided in OAC 4501-30-02;

- Brakes
- Brake lights (2 lights)
- Head lights (2 lights)
- Tail lights (2 lights)
- Warning devices / reflectors (e.g., turn signals, horn)
- Steering mechanism
- Windshield
- Rearview mirror
- Tires (in safe operating conditions)
- Any obvious defects will also be inspected for safety.

(B) Whoever violates this section shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and fined not more than \$100. (Ord. 2022-16. Passed 03/16/2022)

§ 73.16.03 LICENSE, INSPECTION AND TITLE REQUIREMENTS.

(A) No person shall operate a utility or under-speed vehicle on public roadways in the Village of Albany:

1. without a valid driver's license.
2. without first obtaining a Certificate of Inspection and, if that inspection is conducted by the Albany Police Department, providing payment of a twenty-five (25) dollar inspection fee.
3. without first obtaining a vehicle title in accordance with ORC Chapter 4505.06.
4. without first obtaining a vehicle registration in accordance with ORC Chapter 4503.11

(B) Any vehicle that was previously titled and registered shall be considered in compliance with this section 73.16.03 and thus shall not be required to complete subsection (A)2 above.

(C) Unless another penalty is provided by the laws of this state, whoever violates this section shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and fined not more than \$100.

§ 73.16.04 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS OF OWNER AND OPERATOR.

(A) The owner of a utility or under-speed vehicle that is driven on public roadways in the Village of Albany shall carry liability insurance, and shall have in their possession proof of insurance, while operating the vehicle thereon as required by the laws of this state.

(B) Whoever violates this section shall be subject to penalties as provided by ORC 4509.101(A)(2).

§ 73.16.05 PROHIBITED ACTS.

No person shall operate a utility or under-speed vehicle on public roadways in the Village of Albany:

- (A) with an established speed limit greater than 35 miles per hour.
- (B) if the vehicle has an attainable top speed in excess of 25 mph.
- (C) if the maximum number of persons for which the vehicle was designed is exceeded.
- (D) if not in compliance with all traffic and motorized vehicle laws adopted by the State of Ohio and the Village of Albany. Tickets for traffic violations are issued in the same manner as other motor vehicles.
- (E) utility or under-speed vehicles are not allowed on sidewalks.
- (F) Whoever violates this section shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and fined not more than \$100

§ 73.16.06 ACCIDENT REPORTS. (ORC 4509.74)

- (A) No person shall fail to report a motor vehicle accident as required under the laws of this state.
- (B) The owner or operator of a utility or under-speed vehicle involved in any accident shall immediately report the accident to the Albany Police Department or other law enforcement agency as deemed necessary.
- (C) Whoever violates this section shall be guilty of a first-degree misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 and imprisonment of not more than 6 months

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