

Utility or Under-speed Vehicle Operation Information

- **Ohio Revised Code** Section [4511.215](#) allows a local government to authorize, by ordinance, operation of utility or under-speed vehicles on its streets.

Albany Village Code [Section 73.16](#) has authorized the operation of certain Utility (side-by-side) and Under-speed (golf cart) vehicles on Albany Village streets while following Ohio law as shown below.

NO OTHER VEHICLE TYPES ARE PERMITTED UNDER THIS VILLAGE LEGISLATION.

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- **Definitions.** Ohio Revised Code [4501.01](#) (VV) and (XX) defines the vehicles that are subject to the Albany legislation;
 - 1) (VV) "Utility vehicle", commonly known as a side-by-side 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.
 - 2) (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. See example below.



Utility Vehicle; Side by Side



Under Speed Vehicle; Golf Cart

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- **Requirements.** Ohio Revised Code [4511.215\(3\)](#) permits the operation on public streets or highways of only those vehicles that;
 - a) successfully pass the required vehicle inspection, [OAC 4501-30-02](#)
 - b) are titled in accordance with [Chapter 4505.06](#) of the Revised Code, and
 - c) are registered in accordance with [Chapter 4503.11](#) of the Revised Code.

If your vehicle is already titled and displays a valid registration then you are already permitted to drive on village streets. However, if your vehicle is not properly registered, insured, and operating with proper safety equipment, you will be subject to citation just as you would be while operating any motor vehicle on any street or roadway in Ohio.



Utility or Under-speed Vehicle Inspection Information

- **Requirements.** Complete the following to certify your utility or under-speed vehicle for operation on public roadways in the Village of Albany:
 - 1) Contact the Albany Police Department located at 5153 Alton Street, Albany, Ohio, or by phone at (740) 698-6127 to schedule your inspection. *(You may have your inspection completed by any Police agency that provides this service in Ohio).*
 - ✓ Inspection shall be made with respect to the brakes, lights, turn signals, steering, horns and warning devices, glass, mirrors, exhaust system, windshield wipers, tires, and such other items of equipment as designated by the superintendent of the state highway patrol by rule or regulation adopted pursuant to sections 119.01 to 119.13 of the Ohio Revised Code.
 - 2) You must present your valid Ohio operator's license (*driver's license*) and proof of financial responsibility (*Insurance*) for the utility or under-speed vehicle at the time of the inspection.
 - 3) In order to operate an under-speed vehicle or utility vehicle, or a mini truck on public streets or highways, the vehicle must include the following equipment:
 - ✓ Adequate brakes and braking system;
 - ✓ Equipped with properly working 2 brake lights, 2 head lights, 2 tail lights, and warning devices, also known as turn signals;
 - ✓ A properly working steering mechanism;
 - ✓ A windshield to prohibit injury from any debris from the roadway;
 - ✓ Rearview mirror
 - ✓ Appropriate tires that are free of major bumps, bulges, breaks, or any condition that would be cause for unsafe conditions.
 - 4) Any vehicle that does not comply with the requirements of this chapter of the Administrative Code and sections 4511.214 and 4511.215 of the Revised Code, shall not be permitted to operate on the public streets or highways.
 - 5) Any vehicle that has complied with the requirements of this chapter of the Administrative Code and sections 4511.214 and 4511.215 of the Revised Code, are required to submit evidence of an approved inspection from local law enforcement prior to registering the vehicle for road use.
 - 6) Once all inspection requirements have been met;
 - a) you will be given a signed Certificate of Inspection, and
 - b) the officer will affix a safety sticker to the windshield of your vehicle. ([OAC 4501:2-1-04](#)).
 - The sticker shall be displayed on the inspected vehicle only on the lower driver side of the front windshield, is not transferrable to a different vehicle, and must be kept clean and visible at all times. No person shall alter a sticker or possess a sticker that has been altered.
 - 7) Next, take your Certificate of Inspection and Proof of Ownership to any County Clerk of Courts Title Office in Ohio. Once they have verified that everything is in order, they will issue you a Certificate of Title.
 - 8) Finally, you will need to take your title to a Deputy Registrar office where you will be issued the license plate for your utility or under-speed vehicle. *(Proof of Insurance may be required).*