



City of West Allis

Legislation Text

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An Ordinance to create Section 10.0255 of the West Allis Revised Municipal Code allowing neighborhood electric vehicles to travel on certain City streets.

The Common Council of the City of West Allis do ordain as follows:

PART I. Section 10.0255 of the Revised Municipal Code of the City of West Allis is hereby created to read:

10.0255 Use of Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEVs) on City Streets.

(1) Definition. "Neighborhood electric vehicle" 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) Requirements. Neighborhood electric vehicles 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. Neighborhood electric vehicle does not include an electric golf cart and shall have:

- (a) Headlamps.
- (b) Front and rear turn signals.
- (c) Stop lamps.
- (d) Reflex reflectors: one red and each side as far to the rear as practicable, and one red on the rear.
- (e) An exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side and either an exterior mirror on the passenger side or an interior rearview mirror.
- (f) Parking brake.
- (g) Windshield that conforms to the requirements of the federal motor vehicle safety standard on glazing materials as provided in CFR 571.205.
- (h) A vehicle identification number that complies with federal law as provided in 49 CFR 565.

(i) 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.

(j) Meets the general test conditions under 49 CFR 571.

(3) License. Neighborhood electric vehicles shall be registered, titled and licensed by the State of Wisconsin.

(4) Permitted Users. To use a neighborhood electric vehicle on the streets of the City of West Allis, the operator shall have a valid Wisconsin driver's license.

(5) Permitted Use. A licensed individual may operate a neighborhood electric vehicle on those City streets having a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less, and headlamps must be on during operation.

(6) Operation. The operation of neighborhood electric vehicles as permitted herein shall in all respects be in compliance with Chapter 10.

PART II. The City Engineer shall notify the Wisconsin Department of Transportation ("WDOT") of the passage of this ordinance pursuant to Sec. 349.26(3), Wis. Stat., and identify each connecting highway or state trunk highway intersection to which the ordinance will apply. If the WDOT approval is obtained, this ordinance shall be effective throughout the City. If the WDOT denies the City's request, in whole or in part, no person may lawfully use a neighborhood electric vehicle to cross a connecting or state trunk highway to which the WDOT has refused permission to cross.

PART III. All ordinances or parts of ordinance contravening the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

PART IV. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

cc: Police Department
Fire Department
Engineering Department
Public Works Department
Development Department
City Attorney's Office
Purchasing Department

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