



Frazeytsburg Police Department

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UNDERSPEED MOTOR VEHICLE (GOLF CART) INFORMATION PACKET

An underspeed motor vehicle is described as a four-wheeled vehicle, other than a truck, that is either 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 fall under this description and therefore are considered an underspeed motor vehicle.

There are several requirements that must be met in order to legally operate an underspeed motor vehicle on the roadways of the Village of Frazeytsburg. Included in this information packet is a copy of the Frazeytsburg Police Department's Inspection Certificate for underspeed motor vehicles so you can make sure your underspeed motor vehicle meets the requirements before scheduling your inspection.

Here are the steps you will need to complete in order to certify your underspeed vehicle for operation on public roadways:

1. First you will need to go to the Frazeytsburg Police Department located at 7 W. 2nd St., Frazeytsburg, Ohio, and pay your inspection fees of \$20.00 (Twenty Dollars) per inspection. If your underspeed motor vehicle fails an inspection, the inspection fee will be charged on all subsequent inspections. *The fee must be paid in full prior to any inspection(s).*
2. Next, someone from the Frazeytsburg Police Department will contact you to schedule a time to inspect your underspeed motor vehicle. This is the first step in legalizing your underspeed motor vehicle for operation on a roadway. (Written documentation showing State Minimum Liability Insurance coverage on the underspeed vehicle must be shown at the time of the inspection.) Once all inspection requirements have been met, you will be given an Inspection Certificate to take the Title Office in Zanesville, Ohio. Inspection will be in accordance with Section 4501.2-01 Ohio Administrative Code.
3. Next, you will take your Inspection Certificate, Proof of Insurance and Proof of Ownership to the Title Office. Usually the purchase of a golf cart or other underspeed vehicle comes with a bill of sale or something with a serial number on it, take this with you. Once they have verified that everything is in order, they will issue you a Certificate of Title.
4. Finally you will need to take the above items to a Deputy Registrar where they will verify you have completed the above steps and then you will be issued the license plates for your underspeed motor vehicle.

Operation of your underspeed motor vehicle must be in accordance with ALL state and local laws.

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The following are excerpts from the Ohio Revised Code and Village of Frazeytsburg Ordinance # 15-10 of some of the requirements that must be met in order for your underspeed motor vehicle to be operated on the roadways of Frazeytsburg.

- **Village of Frazeytsburg, Ohio Ordinance # 15-10: See attachment**
- **ORC 4503.21:** No person who is the owner or operator of a motor vehicle shall fail to display in plain view on of the motor vehicle the distinctive number and registration mark (**license plate**), including any county identification sticker and any validation sticker issued under sections 4503.19 and 4503.191 of the Revised Code, furnished by the director of public safety.
- **ORC 4507.02:** No person shall permit the operation of a motor vehicle upon any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking knowing the operator does not have a **valid driver's license** issued to the operator by the registrar of motor vehicles under this chapter or a valid commercial driver's license issued under Chapter 4506 of the Revised Code.
- **ORC 4509.101:** No person shall operate, or permit the operation of, a motor vehicle in this state, unless **proof of financial responsibility** is maintained continuously throughout the registration period with respect to that vehicle, or, in the case of a driver who is not the owner, with respect to that driver's operation of that vehicle.
- **ORC 4513.05:** Every motor vehicle shall be **equipped with at least one tail light** mounted on the rear which, when lighted, shall emit a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear. Either a tail light or a separate light shall be so constructed and placed as to **illuminate with a white light the rear registration plate** and render it legible from a distance of fifty feet to the rear.
- **ORC 4513.06:** Every motor vehicle shall carry at the rear, either as a part of the tail lamps or separately, **two red reflectors** of such size and characteristics and so maintained as to be visible at night from all distances within three hundred feet to fifty feet from such vehicle.
- **ORC 4513.071:** Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with **two or more stop lights** which shall be mounted on the rear of the vehicle, **actuated upon application of the service brake**, and may be incorporated with other rear lights. Such stop lights when actuated shall emit a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear.
- **ORC 4513.16:** Any motor vehicle may be operated under the conditions specified in section 4513.03 of the Revised Code when it is equipped with **two lighted lights upon the front** thereof

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capable of revealing persons and substantial objects seventy-five feet ahead, in lieu of lights required in section 4513.14 of the Revised Code, provided that such vehicle shall not be operated at a speed in excess of twenty miles per hour.

- **ORC 4513.21:** Every motor vehicle when operated upon a highway shall be equipped with a horn which is in good working order and capable of emitting sound audible, under normal conditions, from a distance of not less than two hundred feet.
- **ORC 4513.23:** Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a mirror so located as to reflect to the operator a view of the highway to the rear of such vehicle.
- **ORC 4513.24:** No person shall drive any motor vehicle on a street or highway in this state that is not equipped with a windshield.

NOTE: The police department is viewing "half-windshields" as NOT meeting the requirement for having a windshield, as it defeats the purpose of having a windshield if debris, bugs, precipitation, etc. can strike an operator in the face/eyes and cause a crash.

- **ORC 4513.261:** No person shall operate any motor vehicle unless the vehicle is equipped with electrical or mechanical directional signals.
- * Once your fee is paid, your golf cart has been inspected, and your certificate of inspection has been issued, you will be issued an inspection sticker that must be placed on the rear of the golf cart in a plainly-visible fashion, usually next to or just above or below the registration plate is best. A police officer may stop a golf cart at any time for the purpose of inspecting the golf cart.
- ** The police department is strongly recommending the use of "slow moving vehicle signs" and having them securely mounted to the rear of the vehicle, centered if possible, at least 3 feet off the ground as an extra safety measure for your own well-being. The SMV sign should be a high-visibility fluorescent orange and/or reflective or with reflective trim.
- *** Additionally, the police department is also strongly recommending a flag mounted on a whip or pole above the roof, if any, or highest portion of the golf cart. This flag should also be a high-visibility, fluorescent color of your choosing. This provides warning during times of daylight (sometimes even more so than a light would) to other motorists or pedestrians in all directions, rather than just those approaching from the rear.



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UNDER-SPEED MOTOR VEHICLE (GOLF CART) INSPECTION CERTIFICATE

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|-----------------|------|--|-------|-----------------------------------|
| Name | | Phone Number | | Date |
| Address | | City | State | Zip Code |
| Year | Make | Model | Color | VIN # |
| Number of Seats | | | | |
| YES | NO | Requires a valid driver's license for ANY operation of MOTOR VEHICLE on public or private property | | Ohio Revised Code 4507.02 (A)(1) |
| YES | NO | Must show proof of insurance listing State Minimum Requirements for Liability Insurance for said underspeed motor vehicle | | Ohio Revised Code 4509.101 (A)(1) |
| YES | NO | Must be equipped with a minimum of one tail light, visible from a distance of 500 feet. | | Ohio Revised Code 4513.05 |
| YES | NO | Must be equipped with two red reflectors. (May be incorporated into other rear lights.) | | Ohio Revised Code 4513.06 |
| YES | NO | Must have a light to illuminate the rear license plate & make the plate legible from a distance of 50 feet. | | Ohio Revised Code 4513.05 |
| YES | NO | Must be equipped with two brake lights, visible from a distance of 500 feet. (May be incorporated into other rear lights.) | | Ohio Revised Code 4513.071 |
| YES | NO | Must have two working headlights capable of illuminating person or objects at a distance of at least 75 feet. | | Ohio Revised Code 4513.16 |
| YES | NO | Must have a working horn, audible from not less than 200 feet. | | Ohio Revised Code 4513.21 |
| YES | NO | Must have a rearview mirror. | | Ohio Revised Code 4513.23 |
| YES | NO | Must have a windshield. (glass or safety glass) | | Ohio Revised Code 4513.24 |
| YES | NO | Must have working directional (turn) signals. | | Ohio Revised Code |

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| | | | 4513.261 |
| YES | NO | Must have bracket for mounting license plate | Ohio Revised Code 4503.21 |

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| Officer's Signature | Date | Applicants Signature | Date |
| Chief's Signature | Date | | |

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

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| Permit Number | Permit Issued Date | Permit Expires Date |
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