

Chapter 6

Neighborhood Electric Vehicles

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Sec. 10-6-1 Definitions

- (a) “Neighborhood Electric Vehicles” (“NEV”) means a self-propelled motor vehicle that has successfully completed the neighborhood electric vehicle America test program conducted by the Federal Government 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.
- (b) NEVs 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. NEV does not include an electric golf cart and shall have the following specifications to be verified by the Police Department:
- (1) Headlamps;
 - (2) Front and rear turn signals;
 - (3) Stop lamps;
 - (4) Reflex reflectors: one red on each side as far to the rear as practicable; and one red on the rear;
 - (5) An exterior mirror mounted on the driver’s side and either an exterior mirror on the passenger side or an interior review mirror;
 - (6) Parking brake;
 - (7) Horn;
 - (8) A windshield that conforms to the requirements of the federal motor vehicle safety standard on glazing materials (49 CFR 571.205);
 - (9) A vehicle Identification Number (VIN) that complies with the federal law (949 CFR 565);
 - (10) 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; and
 - (11) Meets the general test conditions under 49 CFR 571.50056.

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Sec. 10-6-2 PERMITTED USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES ON CITY STREETS.

- (a) Any individual may operate an NEV on the streets of the City having a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less.
- (b) If vehicle specifications are less than 35 miles per hour, the applicant is required to place a slow moving vehicle sign on the vehicle.

Sec. 10-6-3 PERMITTED USERS OF NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

To use a NEV on streets as set forth in 10-5-02 above, the individual must have a valid driver's license.

Sec. 10-6-4 OPERATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

The operation of NEVs as permitted herein shall comply in all respects with Title 10, Chapter IV of the Code of Ordinances relating to All Terrain Vehicles and Off Road Vehicles.

Sec. 10-6-5 ENFORCEMENT.

Enforcement of this ordinance regulating the use of the Neighborhood Electric Vehicles within the City shall be pursuant to Section 10-1-60 and 10-1-61 of the Code of Ordinances. If not otherwise provided, the penalty for the unauthorized use of a NEV within the City shall be \$50.00 per occurrence, plus additional costs and penalties.”