

Ordinance No. 04-07-08-01

An ordinance permitting and regulating Neighborhood Electric Vehicles within the Village of Fontana.

The Village Board of the Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake do ordain the following Ordinance.

Section I. Section 74-21, is hereby created to read as follows:

Section 74-21: Neighborhood Electric Vehicles Permitted

A. Definitions

“Neighborhood Electric Vehicle” (NEV) 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. NEV does not include a golf cart.

B. Standards

1. 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 paved surfaces; and shall have a gross vehicle weight at rest of less than 2500 pounds.

2. NEV shall meet the general test conditions under 49 CFR 571.50056, and shall have functioning headlamps (and must be on at all times during operation on Village streets), front and rear turn signals, stop lamps, reflex reflectors-one red on each side as far to the rear as practicable and one red on the rear, an exterior mirror mounted on the driver’s side and either an exterior mirror on the passenger side or an interior rearview mirror, parking brake, a windshield that conforms to the requirements of the federal motor vehicle safety standard on glazing materials (49 CFR 571.205), a vehicle identification number (VIN) that complies with Federal law (49 CFR 565), a Type 1 or Type 2 seatbelt assembly conforming to 49 CFR 571.3209, and Federal Motor Safety Standard No. 209, for each designated seating position. Neighborhood Electric Vehicles must meet the general test conditions under 49 CFR 571.50056.

C. Limitations and Permitted Use

NEV, authorized pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 349.26, shall be allowed to operate on any public road, parking lot, or alley within the Village of Fontana subject to the following restrictions:

1A. NEV shall not operate on any public road within the Village limits where the speed limit exceeds 35 miles per hour.

2B. A NEV shall not operate on Hwy 67, with the exception of crossing the Highway at the following intersections:

- a. Third Ave/W.Main St
- b. Fontana Blvd/Porter Court
- c. Dewey Ave

3C. A NEV shall not operate on any designated bike lane or pedestrian path within the Village of Fontana.

D. Operation

1. Any person who operates a NEV must hold a valid driver’s license.
2. The NEV shall also be registered in accordance with the Wisconsin State Statutes 341.297.


E. Violation


Each violation of this section shall result in the issuance of a citation and payment of a Village forfeiture by the violator in an amount of not less than fifty dollars and not more than five hundred dollars together with any applicable state penalty and other surcharges, and court costs.

Section II.

Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

Approved and Adopted by the Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake, Walworth County, Wisconsin this 7th day of April, 2008.

By: 
Ron Pollitt, Village President

Attest: 
Dennis Martin, Village Clerk