

# Barnesville Police Department

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## UNDERSPEED MOTOR VEHICLE 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 Barnesville. Included in this information packet is a copy of the Barnesville 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 the public roadways:

1. First, you will need to go to the Barnesville Police Department located at 132 North Arch Street, Barnesville, Ohio, and pay your inspection fees of \$50.00 per inspection. If your underspeed motor vehicle fails an inspection, the inspection fee will be charged on all subsequent inspections.
2. Next, someone from the Barnesville 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 to the Title Office in St. Clairsville, 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. 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 motor vehicle laws located within the Ohio Revised Code and the Village of Barnesville Codified Ordinance, including having a valid operator's license.**

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## GOLF CART ROAD ETIQUETTE & RULES

- Drivers of a golf cart must have a valid driver's license.
- No person less than 16 years of age should operate a golf cart.
- No person shall operate a golf cart on the street within the Village of Barnesville unless the golf cart has been inspected.
- Be aware of your surrounding traffic at all times.
- Move aside for larger and faster traffic.
- Do not stop your golf cart in the roadway or on the edge to sight-see.
- You are sharing the road with passenger vehicles that may be driving faster than your golf cart
- Do not drink and drive. See Ohio Drinking Laws.
- Stay seated at all times until the golf cart comes to a complete stop. Standing on the golf cart during motion is prohibited.
- Occupants of a golf cart must be buckled up by a seat belt while in motion.
- Child Safety Seat must be utilized for any occupant under the age of 4 or under 40 lbs in weight.
- Must obey all traffic laws during operation (No U-Turns).
- No person shall operate a golf cart on any public roadway that is 35 mph or greater, except for when crossing the roadway from one side directly to the other side.
- Golf carts are not permitted to be driven on the sidewalk or other leisure path.
- Be considerate of where you park.
- Except residents to call the police when a violation occurs.

# BARNESVILLE CODIFIED ORDINANCE

## CHAPTER 345

### Golf Carts

#### **345.01 DEFINITION.**

A “golf cart” is a motor vehicle as the term is defined under Ohio R.C. 4501.01(B).

(Ord. 3506. Passed 2-14-11.)

#### **345.02 EQUIPMENT.**

In addition to any rules or regulations promulgated by the Ohio Director of Public Safety, pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 4511 and Ohio R.C. Chapter 4513, equipment of the golf cart shall include, but not necessarily be limited to requirements for the following items of equipment, all to be in working order during operation.

(a) Two headlights having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to reveal persons and objects at a distance at least 100 feet ahead under normal atmospheric conditions during hours of darkness.

(b) Two red tail lights having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to be plainly visible from a distance at least 500 feet to the rear under normal atmospheric conditions during hours of darkness.

(c) Must have directional signals.

(d) Must have left side rear view mirror and a rear view mirror.

(e) Must have a white light illuminating the rear license plate.

(f) Must have a horn.

(g) Must have a windshield made of plexi-glass or safety glass.

(h) Must have two license plates; one in the front and one in the rear; bracketed to the cart.

(i) Must have one seat belt per occupant.

(j) Must have a child safety seat for any occupant under the age of four (4) or under forty (40) pounds in weight.

(Ord. 3506. Passed 2-14-11.)

#### **345.03 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF OPERATOR.**

(a) No person who is less than sixteen years of age shall operate a golf cart.

(b) The person must hold a valid current motor vehicle driver’s license.

(Ord. 3506. Passed 2-14-11.)

#### **345.04 INSPECTION.**

No person shall operate a golf cart on the streets within the Village unless the golf cart has been inspected for compliance with the State of Ohio statutory requirements that are applicable to motor vehicles and the Codified Ordinances of the Village entitling the owner or operator to secure a title and license for the golf cart.

(Ord. 3506. Passed 2-14-11.)

#### **345.05 INSURANCE.**

The owner of the golf cart shall provide proof of insurance at the time of inspection.

(Ord. 3506. Passed 2-14-11.)

#### **345.06 OPERATION.**

(a) No person shall operate an underspeed motor vehicle, including but not limited to a golf cart, on any public roadway where the posted speed limit for such roadway is 35 mph or greater, except when crossing such roadway is required to comply with this chapter. No person shall operate an underspeed vehicle on a public sidewalk or other leisure path.

(b) Occupants of golf carts shall be seated at all times on the seat of the golf cart buckled by the seat belt when the golf cart is on and in motion. Standing on any portion of the golf cart while it is in motion is prohibited.

(c) A person shall not operate the golf cart on sidewalks.

(Ord. 3506. Passed 2-14-11.)

#### **345.07 LIMITATIONS.**


The provisions of this chapter may be waived during limited periods of special events for which the operators of said golf carts have received prior approval for the use of golf carts from the Village Police Chief.


(Ord. 3506. Passed 2-14-11.)

#### **345.99 PENALTY.**

Anyone who violates this chapter shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of an offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pled guilty to a previous violation of this chapter, whoever violates this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more prior violations of this chapter, whoever violates this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. (Ord. 3506. Passed 2-14-11.)



 Red line denotes speed limit greater than 35 MPH in this area. Operation of a golf cart through this area is illegal. You may cross this area from road to road, directly across from each other but you are unable to drive along these sections for any amount of time.

 Black line denotes Village of Barnesville Corporation Limits.

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UNDERSPEED MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION CERTIFICATE			
<input type="text"/>			
Permit #			
Name		Phone Number	Date
Address		City	State Zip
Year	Make	Model	Color Vin #
Seat belts required for each occupant. Number of occupant seating available: _____			
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 Requirement 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. (Plexi glass or safety glass)	Ohio Revised Code 4513.24
YES	NO	Must have working directional (turn) signals.	Ohio Revised Code 4513.261
YES	NO	Must have bracket for mounting rear license plate.	Ohio Revised Code 4503.21

Officer's Signature	Applicants Signature
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