

CHAPTER 102

OPERATION AND LICENSING OF NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES WITHIN THE CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER

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102.01 DEFINITION AND REQUIRED EQUIPMENT.

(1) "Neighborhood Electric Vehicle" (NEV) means a motor vehicle that is propelled by electric power 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. "Neighborhood Electric Vehicle" does not include a golf cart.

(2) A Neighborhood Electric Vehicle 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. All Neighborhood Electric Vehicles shall have the following equipment in working order:

- (a) Headlamps;
- (b) Front and rear turn signals;
- (c) Stop lamps;
- (d) Reflex reflectors: one red on 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) A parking brake;
- (g) A windshield that conforms to the requirements of the federal motor vehicle safety standard on glazing materials (49 CFR 571.205);
- (h) A Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) that complies with federal law (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; and
- (j) Shall meet the general test conditions under 49 CFR 571.50056.

102.02 PERMITTED OPERATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES WITHIN THE CITY.

(1) A person may operate a Neighborhood Electric Vehicle on the roadway of any City street in the City of Richland Center which has a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less, subject to the following restrictions:

(a) OPERATOR'S LICENSE REQUIRED. The person operating a Neighborhood Electric Vehicle shall hold a valid Wisconsin operator's license or a valid motor vehicle operator's license from another state.

(b) VEHICLE REGISTRATION REQUIRED. The Neighborhood Electric Vehicle shall be currently registered with the Wis. Dept. of Transportation pursuant to secs. 341.25(1)(b) and

341.297(1) Wis. Stats.

(c) USE OF HEADLAMPS REQUIRED. The Neighborhood Electric Vehicle's headlamps shall be lighted at all times during operation.

(d) OPERATION TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE VEHICLE CODE. All operation of a Neighborhood Electric Vehicle shall be in compliance with all provisions of Chapters 340 through 346 Wis. Stats. as adopted by Chapter 101 of the Code of Ordinances, and violations thereof shall be subject to the penalties for violations as therein provided.

(2) OPERATION ON STATE HIGHWAYS. Neighborhood Electric Vehicles may be used on only the following portions of State Trunk highways:

(a) Main Street/State Trunk Highway 80 between South Street and Eighth Street

(b) Orange Street/State Trunk Highway 14 between Seminary Street and Sixth Street

(c) Sixth Street/State Trunk Highway 14 between Orange Street and West Side Drive

(3) OTHER LIMITATIONS ON OPERATION. Neighborhood Electric Vehicles shall not be operated in any of the following locations:

(a) On any City sidewalk, except on a driveway where the driveway crosses a sidewalk.

(b) In any City Park, except on the paved streets and parking areas in Krouskop Park on which vehicular traffic is permitted.

(c) On any portion of the Pine River Dike.

(d) On any portion of the Bike Trail.

(e) In any other area in the City where vehicular traffic is prohibited.

102.03 PENALTIES.

(1) Any person who shall operate a Neighborhood Electric Vehicle which is not currently licensed or which does not have all required equipment on the vehicle and in working condition shall forfeit to the City not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$200.00, together with all costs and assessments imposed under Chap. 814 Wis. Stats. and in the event of failure to pay such forfeiture, costs and assessments may upon order of the Circuit Court be imprisoned not to exceed 60 days.

(2) Any person who shall operate a Neighborhood Electric Vehicle in any location where such operation is prohibited shall forfeit to the City not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$400.00, together with all costs and assessments imposed under Chap. 814 Wis. Stats., and in the event of failure to pay such forfeiture, costs and assessments may upon order of the Circuit Court be imprisoned not to exceed 60 days.

(3) Violations of this Chapter which are not chargeable on a uniform traffic citation may be

charged by a municipal ordinance citation.