

ORDINANCE #74

LOW SPEED VEHICLES

The Village Board of the Village of Cochrane, Buffalo County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

1. Definitions. For the purpose of this ordinance, Low Speed Vehicle (LSV) shall mean the following:
 - A. A LSV is a self-propelled motor vehicle that conforms to the definition and requirements for LSVs as adopted in the federal motor vehicle safety standards for LSV under 49 CFR 571.3(b) and 571.500.
 - B. The LSV must have a certification label stating that the vehicle meets the above standards.
 - C. LSV's have a top attainable speed of 25 mph, have a gross weight rating of less than 3,000 pounds, and are self-propelled by gas or electric power.
 - D. All-terrain vehicles, homemade vehicles, and golf carts are not considered LSVs.
 - E. LSVs are motor vehicles designed to operate on a street. They have all equipment necessary to be classified as a motor vehicle and as such may only be operated by licensed drivers under all conditions and requirements of standard motor vehicles.
 - F. Low Speed Vehicles are not designed to operate on open highways where speeds are in excess of 35 mph.

2. LSV USE. The Village of Cochrane will allow the use of a Low Speed Vehicle within the Village limits under the following conditions:
 - A. LSVs are allowed only on streets or roadways which have a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less.
 - B. The LSV has not been modified from the original manufacturer's condition.
 - C. The operator of an LSV must have a valid driver's license and must follow all traffic laws.
 - D. LSV operators must have a motor vehicle liability policy in effect that covers the LSV and meets minimum required coverage.
 - E. All LSV's must be titled and registered through the DMV.
 - F. The only modifications allowed to a LSV are the replacement of original manufacturer parts or the equivalent and the attachment of lights for night time use.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force upon its passage and publication as provided by law.

Dave Busch, Village President

Sherry Lorenz, Village Clerk

This ordinance was unanimously passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Village Board on August 9, 2011.