

**CITY OF GREENVILLE, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE 2026-5-01**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE REGULATING
THE OPERATION OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS**

Be it ordained by the City of Greenville, Kentucky:

“An Ordinance Regulating the Operation of Low-Speed Vehicles on Public Roadways”, adopted the 11th day of September, 2025, by the City of Greenville, Kentucky (hereafter “the City”), is hereby amended as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Greenville seeks to promote public safety and ensure compliance with Kentucky Revised Statutes regarding the operation of low-speed vehicles;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of Greenville, Kentucky, as follows:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND INTENT

This ordinance establishes regulations for the operation of low-speed vehicles (LSVs), including golf carts, within the city limits of Greenville, Kentucky, in accordance with KRS 189.282, KRS 189.286 and applicable federal standards.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

- A. Low-Speed Vehicle (LSV): A four-wheeled motor vehicle that:
- i. is self-propelled using an electric motor, combustion-driven motor, or a combination thereof;
 - ii. is designed to operate at speeds not exceeding twenty-five (25) miles per hour as certified by the manufacturer; and,
 - iii. meets federal safety standards under 49 C.F.R. § 571.500.

iv. the definition for Low-Speed Vehicle (LSV) includes a golf cart that has been modified or manufactured to meet the equipment, safety, and speed requirements of KRS 189.282 and 49 CFR 571.500, and which has been inspected and approved by the county sheriff for operation as a low-speed vehicle.

B. Operator: Any person who drives or is in actual physical control of an LSV.

C. Public Roadway: Any street, avenue, boulevard, or highway maintained by the City of Greenville.

D. Golf Cart: a motor vehicle originally designed for operation on a golf course and not normally licensed or titled for highway use, as defined in KRS 189.286.

SECTION 3. PERMITTED OPERATION

A. LSVs may be operated on public roadways within Greenville if the following conditions are met:

i. The posted speed limit is 30 mph or less.

ii. The route is approved by the City's Chief of Police and Street Department Superintendent and published annually.

iii. The LSV has been issued a permit for the LSV by the City;

iv. The LSV displays a sticker or permit that identifies that the LSV is allowed to be operated on specific roadways within the local government; and

v. The LSV be inspected by a certified inspector designated by the county sheriff and certified through the Department of Vehicle Regulation to ensure that the LSV complies with the requirements of this section. The inspection fee under this paragraph shall be five dollars (\$5) with an additional fee of ten dollars (\$10)

per trip charged if it becomes necessary for the certified inspector to travel to the site of the LSV rather than having the LSV brought to the sheriff's inspection area.

- vi. The operator holds a valid driver's license.
- vii. The LSV is registered and titled per KRS Chapter 186A.
- viii. The LSV is insured in accordance with KRS § 304.39-080.
- ix. The LSV has not been modified to exceed its original speed capability.
- x. The LSV displays a slow-moving vehicle emblem.
- xi. A golf cart operating on a public roadway designated by a local government under subsection (ii) of this section is not considered to be a motor vehicle and is exempt from:

- (1) Title requirements of KRS 186.020;
- (2) Vehicle registration requirements of KRS 186.050; and
- (3) Emissions compliance certificates pursuant to KRS 224.20-720.

SECTION 4. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

- A. All LSVs operated on public roadways must be equipped with:
 - i. Headlamps, tail lamps, brake lamps
 - ii. Turn signals (front and rear)
 - iii. Rear red reflectors and license plate light
 - iv. Braking system (excluding parking brake)
 - v. Horn or warning device
 - vi. Working muffler
 - vii. Rearview mirrors (left and right)

- viii. Windshield or operator eye protection
 - ix. Illuminated speedometer
 - x. Seat belts for each seating position
- B. All LSVs must meet federal safety standards for LSVs set forth in 49 C.F.R. § 571.500.

SECTION 5. RESTRICTIONS

- A. LSVs may not cross intersections where the opposing road has a speed limit over 30 mph unless the intersection is controlled by a traffic signal.
- B. LSVs are prohibited from operating on state highways unless specifically permitted by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

SECTION 6. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

- A. Violation of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$250 per offense. Repeat violations may result in revocation of operating privileges within city limits.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY

- A. If any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. HOURS OF OPERATION

- A. Low-speed vehicles shall not be operated on public roadways within the City of Greenville between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM, unless:
 - i. The operator is engaged in an emergency or essential activity; or
 - ii. The vehicle is being used for municipal, utility, or law enforcement purposes.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

A. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

Dated: the 11th day of June, 2026.
First reading: May 14, 2026
Second reading: June 11, 2026
Passed: June 11, 2026



Ed DeArmond, Mayor
City of Greenville, Kentucky

Attest:



Leslie Cornette, City Clerk

Voting Yea: Councilmembers Brothers, Curry, Sparks, Travis, Walters, and West

Voting Nay: _____