



CITY OF CLEVELAND
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Department of Public Safety & City Planning Commission

Under-Speed Vehicle Legislation

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Under-speed Vehicles: Overview

- **Proposing**

- **Golf cart-related business opportunities**

- Concierge, taxi, ride share, limo, tours, supporting business operations
 - Only applies to legitimate businesses (golf carts not available for individuals to rent)

- **Background**

- **Approached by prospective businesses to authorize use of under-speed vehicles on Cleveland streets**
 - **Authorization aims to promote accessibility and enrich business opportunity**
 - Allow for people to travel longer distances to meet their needs
 - Increase available modes of transportation
 - Greater access to leisurely activities
 - **Based upon equivalent legislation in Columbus, Put-In-Bay, and Muskingum County**



How Did This Proposal Come Together?

Business Interest

- **Golf Cart Concierge: Chris Taylor**
 - Offers tours, shuttles, and convenience services
 - Fills short-distance travel gaps near entertainment venues and sporting events
 - Supports visitor accessibility
 - Enhances business activity, particularly Downtown and the Flats
- **Cleveland Tours: Bob Polk**
 - Tours of Downtown, Ohio City, and Tremont
 - Expands upon Bob's Bike Tour business in the same neighborhoods
 - Public Square → Ohio City → Gordon Square → Little Italy → Edgewater Community → Downtown Cleveland
- **Downtown Cleveland Inc.**
 - Utilizes under-speed vehicles to support internal operations



Operationalizing State and Safety Requirements

- **State law says that local authorities (city) may authorize the operation of under-speed vehicles on roadways under its jurisdiction.**
- **State law requires that we include the following in our local law:**
 - Vehicles limited to streets with speed limits of *35 miles per hour or less*
 - Vehicles must pass an *inspection by the Cleveland Division of Police* (inspection standards set by state law) and be registered and titled with the State
- **To ensure operations are safe, Public Safety given broad discretion to promulgate safety rules or terminate authorization, should it be required.**



Legislation Components

1. Allowing **operation and licensing** of under-speed vehicles for businesses
2. **Licensing requirements** for businesses
 - Valid driver's license
 - Proof of ownership
 - Proof of gross vehicle weight
 - Payment of inspection fee
 - Certificate of Good Standing
3. **Rules and Regulations** by **Director of Public Safety**
 - For vehicles, businesses, and drivers
4. Annual **inspections** by the **Cleveland Division of Police**
5. Operation **regulations**
 - Required equipment
 - Information to display
6. **Suspension, revocation, and appeals**
7. **Penalties**

