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ORDINANCE 12-18

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 343, **OPERATION OF UTILITY VEHICLES  
AND MINI TRUCKS**, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF  
MARYSVILLE

WHEREAS, Section 4511.215 of the Ohio Revised Code allows a municipality to authorize the operation of **under-speed vehicles, utility vehicles or mini-trucks** on public streets or highways within its jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Marysville have expressed an interest in the ability to operate utility vehicles or mini trucks on the streets of the City where permitted by law, and

WHEREAS, the Public Affairs/Safety Committee, with input from the Division of Police, has reviewed Section 4511.215 of the Ohio Revised Code and recommends that the City of Marysville authorize, with certain conditions, the **operation of utility vehicles or mini-trucks** in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and on a street or highway, **excluding Main Street and Fifth Street**, having an established speed limit not greater than twenty-five miles (25) per hour, and

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE, OHIO,  
That:

SECTION I. Chapter 343, **Operation of Utility Vehicles and Mini Trucks**, Marysville Codified Ordinances, is hereby adopted and set forth as follows:

**Chapter 343**  
**Operation of Utility Vehicles and Mini Trucks**

**343.1 Definitions.**

- (A) "Low-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled motor vehicle with an attainable speed in one mile on a paved level surface of more than twenty miles per hour but not more than twenty-five miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight rating less than three thousand pounds.

- (B) "Under-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled vehicle, including a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart, with an attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than twenty miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight rating less than three thousand pounds.
- (C) "Utility vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle designed with a bed, **principally recreation and/or** for the purpose of transporting material or cargo in connection with construction, agricultural, forestry, grounds maintenance, lawn and garden, materials handling, or similar activities.
- (D) "Mini-truck" means a vehicle that has four wheels, is propelled by an electric motor with a rated power of seven thousand five hundred watts or less or an internal combustion engine with a piston displacement capacity of six hundred sixty cubic centimeters or less, has a total dry weight of nine hundred to two thousand two hundred pounds, contains an enclosed cabin and a seat for the vehicle operator, resembles a pickup truck or van with a cargo area or bed located at the rear of the vehicle, and was not originally manufactured to meet federal motor vehicle safety standards.
- (E) "Operator" includes any person who operates or is in actual physical control of a low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle or mini-truck upon the public roadways or highways.
- (F) "Owner" means a person that possesses the ownership title, or some other proof of ownership, to a low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle or mini-truck.
- (G) Any term not defined in this section shall have the same meaning as defined in the Ohio Revised code.

### **343.2 Operation and Restrictions.**

Subject to the requirements and conditions set forth herein, the operation of **utility vehicles and mini-trucks** shall be permitted within the City of Marysville. **The operation of low-speed vehicles and under-speed vehicles is prohibited.**

- (A) No person shall operate a utility vehicle or mini-truck upon **Main Street or Fifth Street or upon** any street or highway having an established speed limit greater than twenty-five (25) miles per hour. This section does not prohibit an operator of a **utility vehicle or mini-truck** from proceeding across an intersection of a street or highway that has a speed limit greater than twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

- (B) The operator of any **utility vehicle or mini-truck** on a street or highway within the City of Marysville must **be at least eighteen (18) years old and** have a valid operator's license and have proof of insurance for the vehicle in accordance with Section 4509.101.
- (C) **Utility vehicles and mini-trucks** must be operated in accord with all State of Ohio traffic laws in addition to the applicable sections of the City of Marysville Codified Ordinances.
- (D) Prior to the operation on the streets or highways within the City of Marysville, the owner of a **utility vehicle or mini-truck** must obtain a Certificate of Inspection from the Union County Sheriff's Office, and such Certificate of Inspection shall be valid at the time of operation.
- (E) No person shall operate a **utility vehicle or mini-truck on a sidewalk, walking path or multi-use path.**
- (F) Any child who falls under the child restraint criteria set by Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.81 is prohibited from being a passenger in a utility vehicle or mini-truck operated on any street or highway in the City of Marysville.
- (G) A utility vehicle or mini-truck shall be registered in accordance with Section 4503 of the Ohio Revised Code and titled in accordance with Section 4505 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (H) This Chapter does not apply to the use of low-speed vehicles, under-speed vehicles, utility vehicles or mini-trucks by employees of the City of Marysville **or** Union County while in the course of their duties.

**343.99 Penalties.** Whoever violates any provision of this Chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

SECTION II: Chapter 343 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Marysville shall be effective at the time this Ordinance becomes effective.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: December 11, 2017

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: December 18, 2017

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading: February 12, 2018

Passed: February 12, 2018

  
MAYOR/ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Law Director    Date 2/5/2018