

APPENDIX "A"

NEIGHBORHOOD VEHICLES

(625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1) (Text of Section from P.A. 95-150)

Section 11-1426.1. Operation of neighborhood electric vehicles on streets, roads, and highways.

(A) As used in this Section, "neighborhood electric vehicle" means a self-propelled, electronically powered four-wheeled motor vehicle which is capable of attaining in one mile a speed of more than **twenty (20) miles** per hour, but not more than **twenty-five (25) miles** per hour, and which conforms to federal regulations under Title 49 C.F.R. Part 571.500.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, it is unlawful for any person to drive or operate a neighborhood electric vehicle upon any street, highway, or roadway in this State. If the operation of a neighborhood electric vehicle is authorized under subsection (D), the neighborhood electric vehicle may be operated only on streets where the posted speed limit is **thirty-five (35) miles** per hour or less. This subsection (B) does not prohibit a neighborhood electric vehicle from crossing a road or street at an intersection where the road or street has a posted speed limit of more than **thirty-five (35) miles** per hour.

(B-5) A person may not operate a neighborhood electric vehicle upon any street, highway, or roadway in this State unless he or she has a valid Illinois driver's license issued in his or her name by the Secretary of State.

(C) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (C-5), no person operating a neighborhood electric vehicle shall make a direct crossing upon or across any highway under the jurisdiction of the State, toll road, interstate highway, or controlled access highway in this State.

(C-5) A person may make a direct crossing at an intersection controlled by a traffic light or 4-way stop sign upon or across a highway under the jurisdiction of the State if the speed limit on the highway is **thirty-five (35) miles** per hour or less at the place of crossing.

(D) A municipality, township, county, or other unit of local government may authorize, by ordinance or resolution, the operation of neighborhood electric vehicles on roadways under its jurisdiction if the unit of local government determines that the public safety will not be jeopardized. The Department may authorize the operation of neighborhood electric vehicles on the roadways under its jurisdiction if the Department determines that the public safety will not be jeopardized.

Before permitting the operation of neighborhood electric vehicles on its roadways, a municipality, township, county, other unit of local government, or the Department must consider the volume, speed, and character of traffic on the roadway and determine whether neighborhood electric vehicles may safely travel on or across the roadway. Upon determining that neighborhood electric vehicles may safely operate on a roadway and the adoption of an ordinance or resolution by a municipality, township, county, or other unit of local government, or authorization by the Department, appropriate signs shall be posted.

If a roadway is under the jurisdiction of more than one unit of government, neighborhood electric vehicles may not be operated on the roadway unless each unit of government agrees and takes action as provided in this subsection.

(E) No neighborhood electric vehicle may be operated on a roadway unless, at a minimum, it has the following: brakes, a steering apparatus, tires, a rearview mirror, red reflectorized warning devices in the front and rear, a slow moving emblem (as required of other vehicles in Section 12-709 of this Code) on the rear of the neighborhood electric vehicle, a headlight that emits a white light visible from a distance of **five hundred (500) feet** to the front, a tail lamp that emits a red light visible from at least **one hundred (100) feet** from the rear, brake lights, and turn signals. When operated on a roadway, a neighborhood electric vehicle shall have its headlight and tail lamps lighted as required by Section 12-201 of this Code.

(F) A person who drives or is in actual physical control of a neighborhood electric vehicle on a roadway while under the influence is subject to Sections 11-500 through 11-502 of this Code.
(Source: P.A. 94-298, eff. 1-1-06; 95-150, eff. 8-14-07.)

§571.500 Standard No. 500; Low-speed vehicles.

S1. *Scope.* This standard specifies requirements for low-speed vehicles.

S2. *Purpose.* The purpose of this standard is to ensure that low-speed vehicles operated on the public streets, roads, and highways are equipped with the minimum motor vehicle equipment appropriate for motor vehicle safety.

S3. *Applicability.* This standard applies to low-speed vehicles.

S4. [Reserved.]

S5. *Requirements.*

(a) When tested in accordance with test conditions in S6 and test procedures in S7, the maximum speed attainable in 1.6 km (1 mile) by each low-speed vehicle shall not more than 40 kilometers per hour (25 miles per hour).

(b) Each low-speed vehicle shall be equipped with:

- (1) Headlamps.
- (2) Front and rear turn signal lamps.
- (3) Tail lamps.
- (4) Stop lamps.
- (5) Reflex reflectors: one red on each side as far to the rear as practicable, and one red on the rear.

(6) An exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or an interior mirror.

- (7) A parking brake.

(8) A windshield that conforms to the Federal motor vehicle safety standard on glazing materials (49 CFR 571.205).

(9) A VIN that conforms to the requirements of part 565 *Vehicle Identification Number* of this Chapter.

(10) A Type 1 or Type 2 seat belt assembly conforming to Sec. 571.209 of this part, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 209, *Seat belt assemblies*, installed at each designated seating position.

S6. *General test conditions.* Each vehicle must meet the performance limit specified in S5(a) under the following test conditions.

S6.1. *Ambient conditions.*

S6.1.1. *Ambient temperature.* The ambient temperature is any temperature between 0°C (32°F) and 40°C (104°F).

S6.1.2. *Wind speed.* The wind speed is not greater than 5 m/s (11.2 mph).

S6.2. *Road test surface.*

S6.2.1. *Pavement friction.* Unless otherwise specified, the road test surface produces a peak friction coefficient (PFC) of 0.9 when measured using a standard reference test tire that meets the specifications of American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) E1136, "Standard Specification for A Radial Standard Reference Test Tire," in accordance with ASTM Method E 1337-90, "Standard Test Method for Determining Longitudinal Peak Braking Coefficient of Paved Surfaces Using a Standard Reference Test Tire," at a speed of 64.4 km/k (40.0 mph), without water delivery (incorporated by reference; see 49 CFR 571.5).

S6.2.2. *Gradient.* The test surface has not more than a 1 percent gradient in the direction of testing and not more than a 2 percent gradient perpendicular to the direction of testing.

S6.2.3. *Lane width.* The lane width is not less than 3.5 m (11.5 ft).

S6.3. *Vehicle conditions.*

S6.3.1. The test weight for maximum speed is unloaded vehicle weight plus a mass of 78 kg (170 pounds), including driver and instrumentation.

S6.3.2. No adjustment, repair or replacement of any component is allowed after the start of the first performance test.

S6.3.3. *Tire inflation pressure.* Cold inflation pressure is not more than the maximum permissible pressure molded on the tire sidewall.

S6.3.4. *Break-in.* The vehicle completes the manufacturer's recommended break-in agenda as a minimum condition prior to beginning the performance tests.

S6.3.5. *Vehicle openings.* All vehicle openings (doors, windows, hood, trunk, convertible top, cargo doors, etc.) are closed except as required for instrumentation purposes.

S6.3.6. *Battery powered vehicles.* Prior to beginning the performance tests, propulsion batteries are at the state of charge recommended by the manufacturer or, if the manufacturer has made no recommendation, at a state of charge of not less than 95 percent. No further charging of any propulsion battery is permissible.

S7. *Test procedure.* Each vehicle must meet the performance limit specified in S5(a) under the following test procedure. The maximum speed performance is determined by measuring the maximum attainable vehicle speed at any point in a distance of 1.6 km (1.0 mile) from a standing start and repeated in the opposite direction within 30 minutes.