

TEMPORARY ORDINANCE NO. 45-23

PERMANENT ORDINANCE NO. 1-24

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 377 OF THE LANCASTER CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED "UTILITY VEHICLES"

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 4511.215, the State of Ohio authorizes the City to regulate the operation of utility vehicles on public streets or highways by ordinance or resolution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to requests by several City departments and Lancaster City Schools to operate utility vehicles on City streets and highways, the Law Committee is proposing adding Part Three – Traffic Code, Title Nine – Pedestrians, Bicycles, and Motorcycles, Chapter 377 to address the use of "Utility Vehicles"; and

WHEREAS, the Law Committee voted to recommend adding the new chapter to Lancaster City Council pursuant to Lancaster Codified Ordinance; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO,

SECTION 1. That new Chapter 377 of the Lancaster Codified Ordinances, establishing "Utility Vehicles," is hereby adopted pursuant to "Exhibit A" attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: January 8, 2024 after 1 reading. Vote: Yeas 9 Nays 0

Approved: January 8, 2024

Clerk: Kurt M. Curt

[Signature]
President of Council
Don A. Mulanil
Mayor

Offered by: Mary R. Tener

Second by: [Signature]

Requested by Law Committee

I, Teresa L. Sandy, Clerk of Council do hereby certify that on _____, 20__ in the Lancaster Eagle Gazette published the summary of this ordinance in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 731.24.

Clerk of Council



CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF LANCASTER

PART THREE - TRAFFIC CODE

TITLE ONE - Administration

- Chap. 301. Definitions.
- Chap. 303. Enforcement, Impounding and Penalty.
- Chap. 305. Traffic Control.

TITLE THREE - Streets and Traffic Control Devices

- Chap. 311. Street Obstructions and Special Uses.
- Chap. 313. Traffic Control Devices.

TITLE FIVE - Vehicles

- Chap. 331. Operation Generally.
- Chap. 333. OVI; Willful Misconduct; Speed.
- Chap. 335. Licensing; Accidents.
- Chap. 337. Safety and Equipment.
- Chap. 339. Commercial and Heavy Vehicles.
- Chap. 341. Commercial Drivers.
- Chap. 343. Storage of Junk and Other Motor Vehicles.
- Chap. 345. Low-Speed Vehicles.

TITLE SEVEN - Parking

- Chap. 351. Parking Generally.
- Chap. 353. Loading and Unloading Zones.
- Chap. 355. Parking Meters. (Repealed)

TITLE NINE - Pedestrians, Bicycles and Motorcycles

- Chap. 371. Pedestrians.
- Chap. 373. Bicycles and Motorcycles.
- Chap. 374. Motorized Bicycles.
- Chap. 375. Snowmobiles, Off-Highway Motorcycles and All Purpose Vehicles.
- Chap. 377. Utility Vehicles.

CHAPTER 377
Utility Vehicles

- 377.01 Definitions.**
377.02 Prohibition.

Utility Vehicle defined – see ORC 4501.01(VV)

General prohibition from operating utility vehicles on public roadways – see ORC 4511.214(A)(2)

Local authorization of low-speed, under-speed, or utility vehicle, or a mini-truck – see ORC 4511.215

377.01 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Utility Vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle designed with a bed, principally for the purpose of transporting material or cargo in connection with construction, agricultural, forestry, grounds maintenance, lawn and garden, materials handling, or similar activities.

377.02 PROHIBITION.

- (a) No person shall operate a utility vehicle upon any park, sidewalk, street or highway, or upon any City owned property or right-of-way except as follows:
- (1) The operator of the utility vehicle must be employed by the City of Lancaster, Lancaster City Schools, or an agent thereof;
 - (2) The utility vehicle must be operated in the furtherance of the operator's official duties on behalf of the City of Lancaster;
 - (3) The utility vehicle shall only be operated on streets and highways having an established speed limit not greater than thirty-five miles per hour;
 - (4) The utility vehicle shall be inspected by a local law enforcement agency that complies with the inspection requirements established by the department of public safety under Ohio Revised Code section 4513.02;
 - (5) The utility vehicle shall successfully pass the required vehicle inspection and must be registered in accordance with Chapter 4503 of the Ohio Revised Code and titled in accordance with Chapter 4505 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.