

## **5-1-7: 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 (4) 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 CFR 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 not under jurisdiction of the village of Streamwood. A neighborhood electric vehicle may be operated only on village streets where the posted speed limit is thirty five (35) miles per hour or less. This subsection 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.
- C. 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.
- D. Except as otherwise provided in subsection E of this section, 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.
- E. A person may make a direct crossing at an intersection controlled by a traffic light or four-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.
- F. 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 the Illinois vehicle code) on the rear of the neighborhood electric vehicle, a headlight that emits a white light visible from a distance of five hundred feet (500') to the front, a tail lamp that emits a red light visible from at least one hundred feet (100') 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 the Illinois vehicle code.
- G. 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 the Illinois vehicle code.

H. A person who owns, operates or is in actual physical control of a neighborhood electric vehicle is subject to all provisions of the Illinois vehicle code, 625 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5 et seq. (Ord. 2008-15, 6-5-2008)