

RECORD OF ORDINANCES

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 30043

Ordinance No. 1075-1

Passed February 3, 2025

VILLAGE OF WESTON, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1

AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE OPERATION OF VEHICLES IN THE VILLAGE

WHEREAS, the Village of Weston is a statutory village located in Wood County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Weston has powers of local self-government pursuant to Ohio Constitution Article XVIII Section 3; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Weston recognizes the need to protect and preserve the natural environment of park lands within the Village limits from damage and to protect recreational users of the parks from injuries; and

WHEREAS, the use of vehicles, including automobiles, motorized bicycles, motorcycles, golf carts, snowmobiles, off-road vehicles, under-speed vehicles, and all-purpose vehicles, contributes to the degradation of village park lands, poses a risk to the safety of park visitors, and it is in the public interest to ensure the safety, health, and enjoyment of park lands for all residents and visitors and to keep park lands safe and free from damage caused by these vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to add a section to the Parks section of the Village Municipal Code to ensure the safety and security of the village and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Village of Weston, Wood County, Ohio, that:

1. There is hereby adopted the following restriction on the operation of vehicles in the Village of Weston. Such restrictions shall be included in the Village Municipal Code.

Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this ordinance is to restrict the use of certain vehicles on park lands within the Village limits to protect the environment, reduce damage to park lands, and enhance the safety and enjoyment of park visitors.

Definitions

As used in this section:

1. "Vehicles" means everything on wheels or runners, including **motor vehicles, motorized bicycles, under-speed vehicles, motorcycles, snowmobiles**, all-purpose vehicles, and low-speed micromobility devices, but does not mean motorized wheelchairs, and excludes emergency service and other municipal vehicles that are used by such department in the discharge of its official duties.
2. "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle, including mobile homes and recreational vehicles, that is propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power.
3. "Motorized bicycle" means any vehicle that either has two tandem wheels or one wheel in the front and two wheels in the rear, that may be pedaled, and that is equipped with a motor capable of propelling the vehicle with or without the assistance of the operator.
4. "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.
5. "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with motive power having a seat or saddle for the use of the operator, designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, and having no occupant compartment top or occupant compartment top that can be installed or removed by the user.
6. "Snowmobile" means any self-propelled vehicle designed primarily for use on snow or ice, and steered by skis, runners, or caterpillar treads.
7. "All-purpose vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle designed primarily for cross-country travel on land and water, or on more than one type of terrain, and steered by wheels or caterpillar treads, or any combination thereof, including vehicles that operate on a cushion of air, vehicles commonly

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known as all-terrain vehicles, all-season vehicles, mini-bikes, and trail bikes. "All-purpose vehicle" does not include a utility vehicle as defined in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code or any vehicle principally used in playing golf, any motor vehicle or aircraft required to be registered under Chapter 4503. or 4561. of the Revised Code, and any vehicle excepted from definition as a motor vehicle by division (B) of section 4501.01 of the Revised Code.

8. "Low-speed micromobility device" (aka a scooter) is a device that weighs less than 100 pounds, has handlebars, is propelled by an electric motor and generally does not go over 20 mph with the electric motor.
9. "Motorized wheelchair" means any self-propelled vehicle designed for, and used by, a person with a disability and that is incapable of a speed in excess of eight miles per hour.
10. "Operator" includes any person who drives or operates or is in actual physical control of a vehicle, motor vehicle, motorized bicycle, under-speed vehicle, motorcycle, snowmobile, low-speed micromobility device, or all purpose vehicle.
11. "Operate" means to cause or have caused movement of a vehicle."

"Park lands" means any property owned or leased by the Village of Weston, except areas designated for vehicular travel or vehicular parking.

Section 73.17(b): Prohibition of Vehicles Park Land

1. The operation of vehicles on park land is hereby prohibited.
2. The following exceptions shall apply to the prohibition stated herein:
 - a) Emergency vehicles operated by public safety personnel in the performance of their official duties.
 - b) Maintenance vehicles operated by Village employees or contractors performing official Village business.
 - c) Vehicles used for approved special events with prior written authorization from the Mayor, Council or the Village Administrator.

Section 73.17(c): Enforcement and Penalties

Whoever violates any provision of this Section shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). An offender who violates any provision of this Section and has, within the preceding twelve months, been found guilty of a violation of this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree and shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) and may be imprisoned not more than 30 days.


2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any other committees that results in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

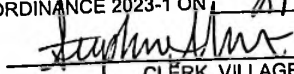
Vote on Passage: 5 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Abstentions

Passed this 3rd day of February, 20 25


President of Council


Mayor

ATTEST:

Fiscal Officer

CERTIFICATION
I HEREBY CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE AND ACCURATE COPY OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTON ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-1 AND THAT THERE IS NO NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTON, AND THAT PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE WAS MADE BY POSTING IT AT THE FIVE PUBLIC PLACES DESIGNATED BY ORDINANCE 2023-1 ON 2/14/25

CLERK, VILLAGE OF WESTON