

**TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND**

ORDINANCE NO. 767

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE OPERATION OF LOW-SPEED
VEHICLES ON CERTAIN MUNICIPAL ROADWAYS OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER,
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, in accordance with New Jersey law, a municipality may make and enforce within its limits all ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws, as it may deem necessary and proper for the good government, order and protection of persons and property, and for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes it to be in the best interests of the Township to allow the operation of Low-Speed Vehicles, as defined herein, on the public roads, streets and highways within the Township and under the jurisdiction of the Township and with posted speed limits not greater than 35 miles per hour; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Maurice River that the Code of the Township of Maurice River be and is hereby amended as follows:

A. Definitions.

As used in this section, the following terms shall have meanings indicated below:

LOW-SPEED VEHICLE (“LSV”)

A four-wheeled low-speed vehicle, as defined in 49 C.F.R. § 571.3(b), whose attainable speed is more than 20 miles per hour but not more than 25 miles per hour on a paved level surface and which is not powered by gasoline or diesel fuel and complies with federal safety standards as set forth in 49 C.F.R. 571.500. This definition of Low-Speed Vehicle excludes two-wheeled vehicles including but not limited to electric scooters and/or electric bicycles.

B. Operation of Low-Speed Vehicles on certain Township roads; conditions.

1. A Low-Speed Vehicle may be operated on any public road, street or highway under the jurisdiction of the Township with a posted speed of 35 miles per hour or less.

2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Township Committee may by order prohibit the use of Low-Speed Vehicles on any road, street or highway under the jurisdiction of the Township where the Township Committee determines that the operation of a Low-Speed Vehicle would constitute a hazard.

3. Section B(1) above shall not be construed to allow the operation of Low-Speed Vehicles on public roads, streets and/or highways with a posted speed of 35 miles per hour or less that are under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Department of Transportation and/or the County of Cumberland.

4. A Low-Speed Vehicle operated on any of the public roads, streets and highways within the Township shall be registered and insured in accordance with state law and shall comply with all maintenance and equipment requirements as set forth in Title 39 of the New Jersey Statutes (C. 39:4-31.2).

C. Severability, Effective Date.

1. If any part or parts of this Chapter are held to be invalid for any reason such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Chapter.

2. To the extent that any provision of the Code of the Township of Maurice River is found to be in conflict with this Chapter, in whole or in part, this Chapter shall control.

3. This Chapter shall take effect after final approval and publication as required by law.

ATTEST:

Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk

Ken Whildin, MAYOR

Joseph Sterling, DEPUTY MAYOR

Ben Stowman, Committeeperson

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