

TOWN OF WESTERLY

CHAPTER 2060

“AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE VI, OPERATION OF VEHICLES, OF CHAPTER 238 OF THE WESTERLY CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC””

The Town of Westerly hereby ordains:

Section 1. Section 238-51 entitled “(Reserved)” of the Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Westerly is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

**§238-51. Low-Speed vehicles.**

- A. A low-speed vehicle is defined according to R.I. Gen. Laws § 31-1-3(I).
- B. The Town of Westerly hereby finds that use of all Town Highways by low-speed motor vehicles would represent an unreasonable risk of death or serious injury to occupants of low-speed vehicles as a result of general traffic conditions including, but not limited to, excessive speeds of other vehicles, traffic volumes, use of the highway by heavy trucks or other large vehicles, and established speed limits on the highways that increase above twenty-five miles per hour (25 m.p.h.) beyond the point where a low speed vehicle could safely exit the highway.
- C. The operation of low-speed vehicles on a laned roadway or local highway with posted speeds at or below twenty-five miles per hour (25 m.p.h.) shall be permitted. The operation of low-speed vehicles on a laned roadway or local highway with posted speeds above twenty-five miles per hour (25 m.p.h.) shall be prohibited.
  - (i) The Town shall post signs where necessary to provide notice to the public of such prohibited access.
- D. Any violation of this Ordinance shall be subject to the traffic laws and regulations of the State of Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal.

Section 2. This Ordinance will take effect upon passage.

A true copy of an Ordinance passed July 1, 2024.

Per Order of the Town Council.

ATTEST: Mary L. LeBlanc, MMC  
Council Clerk