



NEV'S AND LOW SPEED VEHICLES

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Lincoln is a low-speed vehicle and golf cart friendly city and a pioneer in electric vehicle use on the streets and highways. The City of Lincoln takes great pride in making as many of our streets accessible to these environmentally friendly electrical vehicles. In California, our Vehicle Code regulates the use of Low-Speed vehicles, often referred to as Neighborhood Electric Vehicles, and golf carts on all streets and highways.



California Vehicle Codes and Low Speed Vehicles

- **345 CVC-** defines a golf cart as a motor vehicle weighing less than 1,300 pounds which is operated **at not** more than 15 MPH, and is designed to carry golf equipment and not more than two persons including the driver.
- **385.5 CVC-** defines a low speed vehicle as a motor vehicle other than a motor truck, having four wheels, that weighs less than 1,800 pounds, is capable of going at least 20 MPH, and has a maximum speed of 25 MPH. A low speed vehicle **is not** a golf cart except when operated pursuant to 21115 or 21115.1 CVC.

Cont. Vehicle Code

- **21115 CVC-** states that golf carts may be driven on a highway if a local authority finds that a highway under its jurisdiction is located adjacent to, or provides access to, a golf course and between the golf course and the place where the golf carts are parked or stored or is within or bounded by a real estate development offering golf facilities and is designed and constructed, so as to safely permit the use of regular vehicle traffic and also the driving of golf carts on the highway. The local authority may, by resolution or ordinance, designate the highway or portion of the highway for combined use and prescribed rules and regulations that shall have the force of the law. No highway shall be designated for a distance of more than one mile from the golf course if the highway is not located within a development or beyond the area of a development.

Cont Vehicle Code

- **21115.1 CVC-** Golf Cart Crossing Zones – a local authority may, by ordinance or resolution, establish crossing zones, for use by golf carts at any time other than during darkness, on any street other than a state highway, that has a posted speed limit of 45 MPH or less and that is immediately adjacent to a golf course. The crossing zones shall be at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to the direction of the roadway. Proper signs, markers, or lighting, or any combination of those must be in place to permit golf cart crossing zones

Cont- Vehicle Codes

- Golf carts operated on the roadways within designated areas are not required to conform to the vehicle standards in the CVC with respect to registration, licensing, or equipment, except that if operated during darkness the golf cart shall be subject to the provisions regarding lighting equipment.



Cont- Vehicle Codes

- **21251 CVC-** states that low speed vehicles are subject to motor vehicle provisions except as provided 21115, 21115.1, and 4023 CVC (4023 CVC states that low speed vehicles are exempt from registration requirements when they are used as a golf cart). A driver of a low speed vehicle are subject to all the provisions applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle except by their very nature are not applicable.

Cont- Vehicle Codes

- **21253 CVC-** states that low speed vehicles shall meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards established for low speed vehicles in section 571.500 of title 49 of the code of Federal regulations.
- **21254 CVC-** states that low speed vehicles that have been modified or altered to exceed 25MPH do not qualify for the relaxed Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards established for low speed vehicles, and instead shall meet all Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for a passenger vehicle.

Cont – Vehicle Codes

- **21260 CVC-** states that low speed vehicles **may not** be operated on any roadway with a speed limit in excess of 35 MPH, except when crossing a roadway with a speed limit in excess of 35 MPH, if the crossing begins and ends on a roadway with a speed limit of 35 MPH or less. This section also states that low speed vehicles may not traverse an uncontrolled intersection with any State Highway unless that intersection has been approved and authorized by the agency having primary traffic enforcement responsibilities for that crossing.

Cont- Vehicle Codes

- **21266 CVC-** states that local authorities may, through ordinance or resolution, restrict or prohibit the use of low speed vehicles. Any such prohibition shall become effective when appropriate signs giving notice are erected.

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- **22511 CVC-** Any local authority, by ordinance or resolution, and any person in lawful possession of an off-street parking facility may designate stalls or spaces in an off-street parking facility for zero-emission vehicles (ZEV's). The ZEV must have a valid zero-emissions vehicle decal identification posted on the driver's side rear window or bumper of the vehicle or, notwithstanding any other provision of law. If the vehicle does not have a rear window or bumper, place the decal on the driver's side of the windshield. The decal is issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Cont- Vehicle Codes

- **22511.1 CVC-** a person may not park or leave standing any vehicle in a stall or a space designated pursuant to 22511 CVC unless a valid zero emissions vehicle decal identification is displayed on that vehicle.

These laws are in place to protect those driving all types of vehicles on the roadways. The Lincoln Police Department will be actively enforcing all of these laws. Please follow the rules of the road and drive safely. It takes cooperation from everyone to make our streets safe.

