

**CHAPTER**

No.       **AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER FIFTEEN OF THE  
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, ENTITLED: "MOTOR  
VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"**

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 15-132 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 15-132. Low Speed Vehicles

(a) For the purposes of this chapter, a low speed vehicle means a self-propelled, electrically or gas powered motor vehicle which: is designed to carry four (4) or fewer persons; is designed to be, and is, operated at speeds of twenty-five (25) miles per hour or less; ~~and conforms to the maximum safety equipment requirements as adopted in the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 500, Low Speed vehicles (49 C.F.R. 571.500).~~

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Sec. 15-131, the following organizations are authorized to operate low speed vehicles upon public streets and incidentally upon sidewalks if those vehicles meet the requirements of this section: The Omni Group; Providence Downtown Improvement District; Rhode Island Convention Center Authority; Providence Neighborhood Planting Program; the Dunkin' Donuts Center, or any other organization approved by the chief of police.

(c) Each person operating a low speed vehicle on a public sidewalk or street shall possess a valid driver's license issued pursuant to § 31-10-1.

(d) Every operator of a low speed vehicle shall maintain financial responsibility on such low speed vehicle if the low speed vehicle is to be operated upon public streets.

(e) The operator of a low speed vehicle shall observe all traffic laws and local ordinances regarding the rules of the road. A low speed vehicle shall not be operated on a street or a highway with a posted speed limit greater than twenty-five (25) miles per hour. The provisions of this subsection shall not prohibit a low speed vehicle from crossing a street or highway with a posted speed limit greater than thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

(f) No person shall operate a low speed vehicle: (1) in any careless way as to endanger the person or property of another; or (2) while under the influence of alcohol or any controlled

substance. ~~Low speed vehicles shall be manufactured and comply with the standards of the National Traffic Safety Administration Standards for low speed vehicles as set out in 49 C.F.R. 571.500, as amended.~~

SECTION 2. This ordinance, as amended, shall take effect upon passage.