



LSV NEED TO KNOW FACTS

What is a Low Speed Vehicle (LSV)?

- Four-wheeled vehicle with an attainable speed of more than 20 mph, but no more than 25 mph on paved surface
- Cannot be powered by gas or diesel fuel & comply with federal standards (49 CFR 571.500)

What is needed to operate a LSV?

- Titled
- Registered
 - In most circumstances “LSV” is standard on license plates with “Low Speed Vehicle” inscribed on the bottom of the plate. Courtesy and personalized plates are available.
 - Only one license plate is issued for non-government owned vehicles and it must be on the rear of the vehicle
 - Can be registered to an individual, business, or government entity
- Insured
- Valid driver license
- Subject to the same violations as other vehicles (**NOT subject to inspection**)
- Shall have a safety information decal provided by the manufacturer on the rear of the vehicle
- Child restraints must meet the same standards as those used in passenger vehicles
- Meet Federal and State requirements

Can a LSV be used as a commercial vehicle?

- No

Can Ocean City impose a LSV ban on ALL roadways within its jurisdiction?

- Yes, but it has only regulated LSV rental establishments
 - City Ordinance 87-17:5-19
 - *“Rental of Low Speed Vehicles shall be permitted but limited and controlled as provided in this section to protect the safety, health and wellbeing of all persons using the vehicles”*
 - Ocean City currently does not have any rental establishments

Where can a LSV drive?

- Roads with speed limit of 25 mph
- Cross over a road with a speed limit of above 25 mph
 - Example of this would be crossing over Bay Avenue or West Avenue at an intersection

Where is a LSV **not permitted?**

- Roads with a speed limit above 25 mph (such as Bay Avenue, West Avenue, Route 52, 34th Street Bridge, Ocean Drive south of South Inlet Drive)

Can children be passengers in a LSV?

- Yes, but must follow 39:3-76.2a

What are the federal requirements for a LSV?

- Cannot exceed 25 mph and be equipped with:
 - Headlamps;
 - Front and rear turn signal lamps;
 - Tail lamps;
 - Stop lamps;
 - Red reflex reflectors: one on each side as far to the rear as possible and one on the rear of the vehicle;
 - An exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and either an exterior or interior mirror mounted on the passenger's side;
 - A parking brake;
 - A windshield that meets FMVSS 205;
 - A Vehicle Identification Number (VIN); and
 - A Type 1 or Type 2 seat belt assembly conforming to 49 CFR 571.209, installed at each designated seating position.

What are the state requirements for a LSV?

- In accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-31.2, LSVs operated on any public road or highway in the State shall be maintained in proper condition and comply with the following equipment requirements and standards:
 - Adequate brakes to control the movement of the vehicle;
 - An odometer;
 - A speedometer; and
 - The original manufacturer's VIN die-stamped on the body and/or frame, engine or motor of the vehicle
- A safety information decal provided by the manufacturer which must be in a conspicuous place on the rear of the vehicle displaying "25 mph Vehicle".

For further information, see 39:4-31