



City of Ashtabula
Ashtabula City Council
Safety Forces Committee
Monday, June 9, 2025 at 8:30 AM
Council Chambers
4230 Lake Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004

Agenda

- 1. Opening of Committee Meeting**
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Sunshine Law Certification
- 2. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Visitors**
- 3. Special Guest Presentation**
- 4. Police Department – Chief’s Report**
 - a. May 2025 Stats
- 5. Fire Department – Chief’s Report**
 - a. May 2025 Stats
- 6. City Manager’s Report**
- 7. City Solicitor's Report**
- 8. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Golf Cart Legislation
- 9. New Business**
- 10. Next Meeting**
 - a. July 14, 2025
- 11. Adjournment**

Memo

To: Chief Robert Stell
From: Michelle Bradley, Records
Date: June 5, 2025
Re: Report & call statistics for **May 2025**

As per your request, I compiled the statistics regarding the reports generated by our Department and the Calls for Service that our Department responded to, some which generated reports and some that did not, but all that our officers responded to during the time period listed above. I have also included the Adult Traffic Arrests, the Juvenile Arrests, and the Adult Physical Arrests for the above time period.

<u>Reports</u>	<u>Crash Reports</u>	<u>Calls for Service</u>
203	22	1372
<u>Adult Traffic Arrests</u>	<u>Juvenile Arrests</u>	<u>Adult Arrests</u>
36	3	24

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Bradley

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Police Records/TAC



Ashtabula Fire Department

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Chief Shawn Gruber

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June 3, 2025

Here are some general statistics for the past 3 years (Jan 1-May 31)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<i>TOTAL INCIDENTS</i>	763	853	780
<i>FIRE</i>			
Structure Fires	22	17	19
Fire Loss	\$569,000	\$626,500	\$435,000
Civilian Fire Deaths	0	1	0
Civilian Injuries	3	1	0
<i>EMS</i>			
Ambulance Responses	323	412	340
Ambulance Transports	237	285	248
Mutual Aid given	3	14	18
Mutual Aid received	10	18	20

CHAPTER 380

Golf Carts

380.01 Defined.

380.02 Operator's license required.

380.03 Insurance requirements.

380.04 Required equipment.

380.05 Speed limits.

380.06 Inspection; fee.

380.07 Certificate of Inspection.

380.08 Operation.

380.99 Penalty.

380.01 DEFINED.

For the purposes of this article a golf cart is defined as a under-speed vehicle as that term is defined under Ohio R.C. 4501.01 which is powered by gas or electricity and which cannot exceed 20 mph, is not originally designed or constructed for operation on a street or highway, and which is the type of vehicle typically on a golf course.

380.02 OPERATOR'S LICENSE REQUIRED.

Any driver of a golf cart on or across public streets, roadways, and/or other public property shall have a valid operator's license.

380.03 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.

- (a) If the golf cart is operated on or across the public streets, roadways and/or public property, the owner of the golf cart must carry liability insurance comparable to that required for motor vehicles.
- (b) When driving a golf cart on or across public streets, roadways and/or other public property, the operator of the golf cart must carry proof of insurance while operating the golf cart.

380.04 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT.

If the golf cart is to be driven on or across public streets, roadways and/or public property, the golf cart must have the following equipment:

- (a) Operational red rear tail lights.
- (b) Operational brake lights.
- (c) Two operational white headlights.
- (d) A functional rear view and side view mirror.
- (e) Operational direction signals.
- (f) Operational horn.
- (g) Two license plates, one placed upon the front of the vehicle, and one placed upon the back of the vehicle, which must be displayed so that the license plate can be read as intended.
- (h) The rear license plate must be illuminated so as to make the license plate visible and legible from a distance of at least fifty (50) feet.
- (i) Operational seat belts for each occupant.
- (j) A windshield made of glass or safety glass.
- (k) Any other requirements found in Ohio R.C. Chapter 4513 and 4515, and the administrative rules promulgated thereunder.

380.05 SPEED LIMITS.

Any golf cart being driven on or across public streets, roadways and/or public property pursuant to the Ordinance shall observe all applicable rules to not be capable of being operated in excess of 20 (twenty) miles per hour.

380.06 INSPECTION; FEE.

Prior to operating a golf cart on or across the public streets, roadways and/or other public property, the owner of the golf cart must present the golf cart to the City of Ashtabula Police Department for Inspection. The Chief of Police, or an officer designated by the Chief shall inspect the golf cart to ensure its compliance with the Ordinance. There shall be a

charge of \$100.00 per inspection. For the purpose of inspection the City of Ashtabula Police Department shall utilize the "Golf Cart/Under Speed Vehicle Inspection Sheet," a copy of which is attached. After inspection, title, and licensing, the owner shall obtain a validation sticker from the City of Ashtabula Police Department. The validation sticker shall be placed on the rear of the golf cart where it can be easily seen.

380.07 CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION.

After completing the inspection of the golf cart, the City of Ashtabula, Police Department shall provide the owner of the golf cart a Certificate of Inspection if all required equipment is verified to be in place and operational. This certificate along with other title evidence (notarized bill of sale) may be presented to the Clerk of Courts Title Office in order to obtain a Certificate of Title. The City of Ashtabula Police Department shall keep and maintain a record of all golf carts inspected.

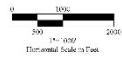
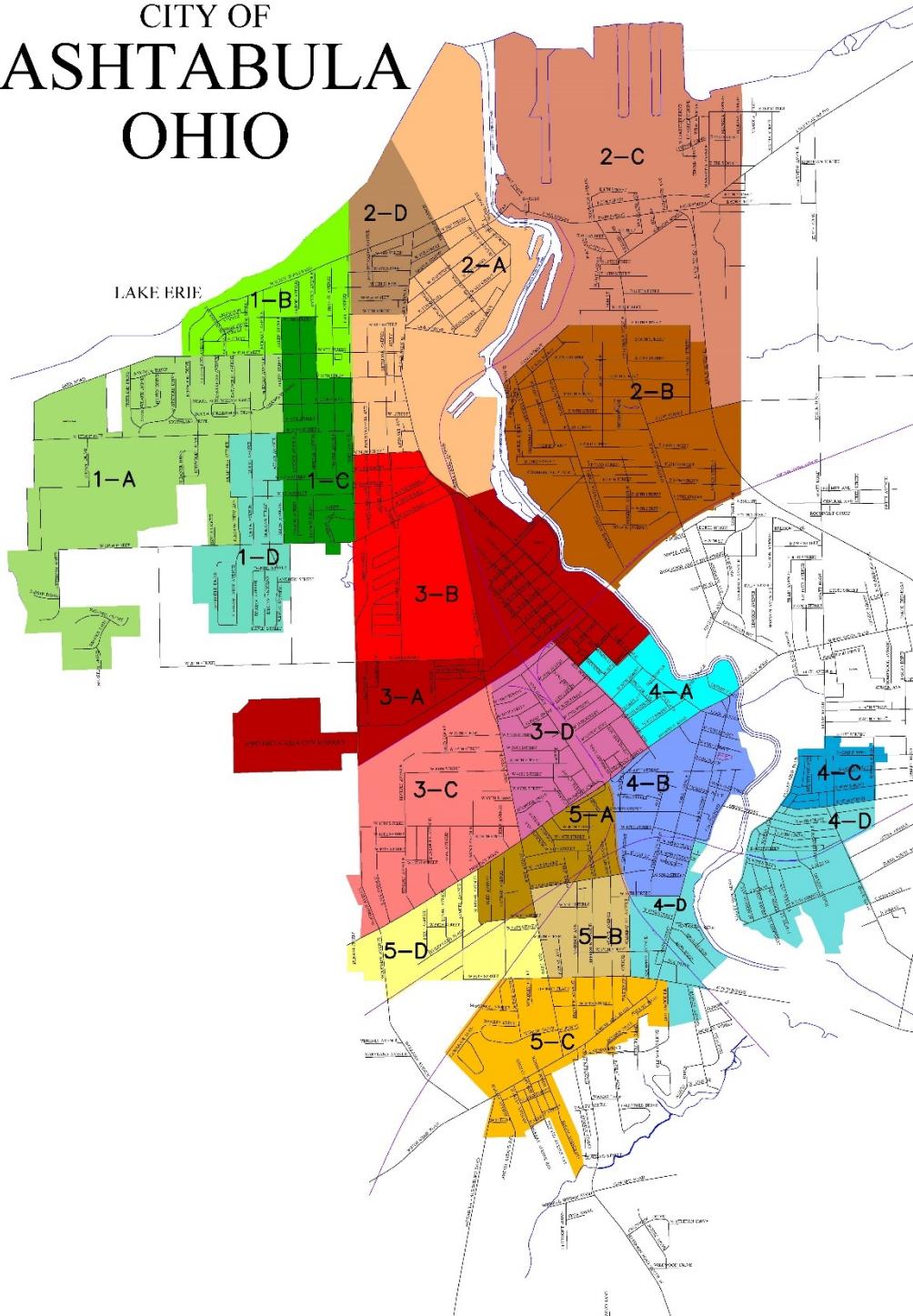
380.08 OPERATION.

- (a) A golf cart, once properly licensed, may be operated within the City of Ashtabula Ohio, between May 1 and October 1, on secondary highways or streets for which the posted speed limit is 25mph or less in the following areas:
 - 1. Wards 1-A, 1-C, 1-D, and 3-B, in those areas north of West 19th Street
 - 2. Ward 1-B, and all of Ward 2
- (b) The driver of the golf cart must be at least 16 years of age and hold a valid driver's license.
- (c) No person shall operate a golf cart on a public sidewalk or other walking path.
- (d) Golf carts shall have their headlights illuminated at all times while being operated on public streets.
- (e) All laws that govern motor vehicles apply to golf carts.

380.99 PENALTY.

Any person found guilty of a violation of this ordinance is guilty of a minor misdemeanor upon a first offense. Each offense thereafter shall be deemed a misdemeanor of the fourth degree as defined by the Ohio Revised Code.

CITY OF ASHTABULA OHIO



WARD MAP





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GOLF CART/UNDER SPEED VEHICLE INSPECTION SHEET

APPLICANT NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____
 VEHICLE YEAR: _____ VEHICLE MAKE: _____ VEHICLE MODEL: _____
 VIN/SERIAL #: _____ COLOR: _____ GAS or ELECTRIC

INSPECTION ITEM	PASS	FAIL	COMMENTS
RED REAR TAIL LIGHTS			
BRAKE LIGHTS			
TWO WHITE HEADLIGHTS			
REAR & SIDE VIEW MIRRORS			
FRONT TURN SIGNALS			
REAR TURN SIGNALS			
HORN			
REAR ILLUMINATION			
SEATBELTS			
WINDSHIELD			

VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE PROOF OF INSURANCE BILL OF SALE/PROOF OF OWNERSHIP

OFFICER/PERSON PERFORMING INSPECTION: _____

BADGE # (IF APPLICABLE): _____

CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION

A CHECK OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED VEHICLE REVEALED THAT THE REQUIRED CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN MET AND THAT THE LISTED VEHICLE HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR USES IN THE AREAS OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA WHERE THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT DOES NOT EXCEED 35 MILES PER HOUR. I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE CONDUCTED THE INSPECTION AND THAT THE CONDITIONS ARE ACCURATELY REPORTED.

 INSPECTOR SIGNATURE

 INSPECTION DATE

ANY PERSON OPERATING A GOLF CART/UNDERSPEED VEHICLE IS SUBJECT TO THE LAWS OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA AND THE STATE OF OHIO. ANY PERSON CONVICTED OR PLEADING GUILTY TO A VIOLATION OF GOLF CART REGULATIONS IS GUILTY OF A MINOR MISDEMEANOR UPON A FIRST OFFENSE. EACH OFFENSE THEREAFTER SHALL BE DEEMED A MISDEMEANOR OF THE FOURTH DEGREE AS DEFINED BY THE OHIO REVISED CODE.