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Village of Elsie Golf Cart Resolution

Frequently Asked Questions – Rules & Regulations

The Village of Elsie Golf Cart Resolution allows residents to register golf carts for use on Village of Elsie Streets. This does not include streets, roads, trails outside of the Village of Elsie Village limits.

Who can operate a golf cart?

Subject to certain restrictions, a person can operate a golf cart on certain Village streets as long as he or she is at least 16 years old, is licensed to operate a motor vehicle and both the person and the golf cart are registered with the Village of Elsie.

What types of vehicles fall under the Golf Cart Resolution?

Only golf carts are covered. Golf carts are defined as a vehicle designed for transportation while playing the game of golf. All other types of vehicles such as ATVs and UTVs, are not covered by this resolution. To be legally operated on Village streets golf carts must be registered with and approved by the Village of Elsie. Further, golf carts must have Headlights on the front, and taillights on the rear, visible from 500' affixed to the rear of the cart.

When can I operate my golf cart?

If registered, golf carts can be operated one-half hour after sunrise until one-half hour prior to sunset (2014 PA 491). In other words, golf carts cannot be operated on Village streets in the dark. Also, golf carts shall not be operated during weather events with snow and/or ice on the ground.

Where can I operate my golf cart?

A properly registered person may operate a registered golf cart on Village streets with the following restrictions:

The operator of a golf cart shall obey by all sections pertaining to traffic in the Michigan Vehicle Code and the Uniform Traffic Code.

A person operating a golf cart upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or a vehicle proceeding in the same direction.

A person shall not operate a golf cart on a state trunk line highway or on streets with a speed limit more than 30 miles per hour.

State Highways, County Roads, Private Streets and School Drives are not Village streets and the Village's resolution does not allow golf carts to be operated on the same. Provided, golf carts may cross state trucklines (except interstates) to go from one portion of a Village street to another, where golf carts are permitted to operate, by using the most direct line of crossing. A golf cart shall not be operated on a sidewalk, bike path or where motorized vehicles are prohibited.

These restrictions do not apply to a police officer, Village officials, employees, contractors or volunteers in the performance of Village duties.

How fast can I operate my golf cart?

Michigan law provides that golf carts operated on Village streets must not exceed 25 miles per hour. Operating your golf cart on a Village street more than 25 miles per hour will result in a ticket.

How much does the registration sticker cost?

There is a \$10.00 Annual cost to register your golf cart with the Village of Elsie. Registration stickers are valid from April 1st and expire March 31st the following year.

What are the insurance requirements?

The applicant must show proof of insurance as a rider to a homeowner's or renter's policy, or in any other form of policy, for coverage of personal injury or property damage resulting from operation of the subject golf cart. A registration sticker will not be issued unless proof of insurance provided at the time of the inspection. A copy of the registration must be with the cart at all times.

Where do I register my golf Cart?

You may bring your golf cart to The Village of Elsie Admin Office, 125 W Main St Elsie, MI, 48831. A Elsie Police Officer or Code Enforcement officer will process your Registration Application, examine your golf cart and check your proof of insurance.

What are the penalties for violating the Golf Cart Resolution?

Any person violating any provisions of this article shall be responsible for a civil infraction and a fine in the amount in accordance with the Civil infraction and fine chart specified in the section 7.5-3 in the Village of Elsie Ordinance book.

Additional Information - The Golf Cart Resolution and documents can be found on www.elsie.org Should you have any questions or comments feel free to contact the Village of Elsie (989) 862-4273 or by email at manager@elsie.org. Please see a complete listing of the Rules and Regulations concerning golf carts in the Village of Elsie on pages 3-4 of this document.

Village of Elsie Golf Carts - Rules and Regulations

Definitions

Village means the Village of Elsie in County of Clinton, State of Michigan.

Decal means the sticker displayed on the front of every registered golf cart within the Village, which are obtained by completing and submitting the proper registration form to the Village of Elsie

Driver license means an operator's or chauffeur's license or permit issued to an individual by the Secretary of State under Chapter III of the Michigan Vehicle Code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.301 to MCL 257.329, as amended, for that individual to operate a vehicle, whether or not conditions are attached to the license or permit.

Golf cart means a vehicle designed for transportation while playing the game of golf.

Maintained portion means that portion of a road improved, designated or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic.

Operate means to ride in or on, or be in actual physical control of the operation of the golf cart.

Operator means a person who operates or is in actual physical control of the operation of a golf cart.

Registration means the process through which every person intending to operate a motorized golf cart on roads or streets within the Village must follow.

Street means a road, roadway, street or right-of-way within the Village of Elsie street system, but does not include a private road. The terms road, roadway, street and right-of-way are interchangeable.

Sunset and *sunrise* mean that time determined by the National Weather Service on any given day.

Operation of golf carts on Village streets - A person may operate a golf cart on Village streets, subject to the following restrictions:

- (1) A person shall not operate a golf cart on any street unless he or she is at least 16 years old and is licensed to operate a motor vehicle.
- (2) The operator of a golf cart shall comply with the signal requirements of MCL 257.648, as amended, that apply to the operation of a vehicle.
- (3) All golf carts are required to have head lights on the front and taillights on the rear of the golf cart that shall be visible from all distances up to 500 feet.
- (4) The operator of a golf cart shall obey by all sections pertaining to traffic in the Michigan Vehicle Code and the Uniform Traffic Code.
- (5) A person operating a golf cart upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

(6) A person shall not operate a golf cart on a state trunk line highway. This subsection does not prohibit a person from crossing a state trunk line highway when operating a golf cart on a street of the Village, using the most direct line of crossing.

(8) A person operating a golf cart shall not pass between lines of traffic, but may pass on the left of traffic moving in his or her direction in the case of a two-way street, or on the left or right of traffic, in an unoccupied lane, in the case of a one-way street.

(9) A golf cart shall be operated at a speed not to exceed 25 miles per hour and shall not be operated on a roadway or street with a speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour except to cross that roadway or street. The Village may designate roads or classifications of roads for use by golf carts.

(10) A golf cart shall not be operated on the streets of the Village during the time period from one-half hour before sunset to one-half hour after sunrise. Golf carts shall not be operated on Village streets during inclement weather or when snow or ice are present on the streets.

(11) A person operating a golf cart or who is a passenger in a golf cart is not required to wear a crash helmet.

(12) A golf cart shall not be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

(15) Golf carts shall not be operated on a road or street in a negligent manner, endangering any person or property, or obstructing, hindering, or impeding the lawful course of travel of any motor vehicle or the lawful use by any pedestrian of public streets, sidewalks, paths, trails, walkways or parks.

(16) Off-road vehicles, such as Gators, quads, dirt bikes, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), a multitrack or multi-wheel drive vehicle, dune buggy, or like-vehicles are not considered golf carts.

(17) This section does not apply to a police officer, Village officials, employees, contractors or volunteers in the performance of Village duties.

(18) The operator of the golf cart involved in an accident resulting in injury's to or death of any person, or property damage or some person acting for him/her, or the owner of the golf cart having knowledge of the accident shall immediately by the quickest means of communication notify 911 and or the Clinton County Central Dispatch.

Parking Regulations - The parking, stopping, and standing regulations provided in the Village Code, shall also apply to golf carts operated in the Village, as if they are motor vehicles under those provisions.

Registration and decals.

(a) Prior to operating a golf cart on Village streets, the owner of a golf cart shall register the golf cart on an annual basis by making application to the Village of Elsie. Such application shall include proof of insurance as a rider to a homeowner's or renter's policy, or in any other form of policy selected by the applicant, for coverage of personal injury or property damage resulting from operation of the subject golf cart. The Village of Elsie shall review and approve or deny each application, and provide a list of registered golf carts to the Elsie Police and the Code Enforcement departments.

(b) There shall be a \$10.00 charge for the registration of a golf cart, and each approved golf cart shall be issued a registration decal. The golf cart owner shall affix each decal provided by the Village of Elsie Department on a clearly visible place on the left rear of the golf cart near the taillight. The decal shall be valid for one year.

(c) Operating a golf cart on a Village street without registering or with an expired registration is prohibited.

(d) The Village of Elsie retains the right to refuse to issue and/or revoke any registration decal from any golf cart for any reason that is felt appropriate to ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of Village.

(e) Any police officer or code enforcement officer or designee may temporarily suspend any registration decal, and ban further access on any public street or public property by any golf cart, when in the opinion of that officer the golf cart is being used in a manner to cause damage to public property or members of the public.

(f) The Village Council reserves the right to waive the registration requirements of this ordinance for special events that utilize golf carts.

Violations and penalties

Any person violating any provisions of this article shall be responsible for a civil infraction and a fine in the amount in accordance with the Civil infraction and fine chart specified in section 7.5-3 in the Village of Elsie Ordinance book.