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Village of Elsie Golf Cart Ord 174

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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 left rear 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 authorization through which every person intending to operate a 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 permanently attached functioning head lights on the front and permanently attached function 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) golf carts can be operated one-half hour after sunrise until one-half hour prior to sunset.
- (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.
- (13) 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.
- (14) 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.
- (15) This section does not apply to a police officer, Village officials, employees, contractors or volunteers in the performance of Village duties.

(16) The operator of the golf cart involved in an accident resulting in injury 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 annually 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 no 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. effective for 1 year beginning April 1st and expiring March 31st

(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 Elsie police officer or Elsie 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.

