

Ordinance #18

Golf Cart Ordinance

Rules and Regulations

Policy Statement: This ordinance is adopted in interest of public safety. All persons operating golf carts must be observant of and attentive to safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, other motorists, bicyclists, and other pedestrians. All persons who operate or ride golf carts on streets inside the Village of Grand Marais do so at their own risk and peril. The Village of Grand Marais has no liability, for permitting golf carts to be operated on the streets of Grand Marais.

Golf Carts may operate on the streets within the Village of Grand Marais in accordance with the following rules and regulations:

- (A) Any person who operates golf cart in the Village of Grand Marais takes full responsibility for all liability associated with operating a golf cart.
- (B) Any person who operates a golf cart must be sixteen (16) years of age and possess a valid license to operate a motor vehicle issued by Michigan or any other state.
- (C) A golf cart operator must comply with signal requirements of Section 648 that apply to the operation of a vehicle. (Section 648 pertains to signaling a turn or stop through use of hand and arm motion or through an electrical or mechanical device.(turn signal)
- (D) A person operating a golf cart upon a roadway would have to ride as near the right side of the road as practical and exercise due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.
- (E) A golf cart shall not be operated on sidewalks constructed for the use of pedestrians.
- (F) A golf cart shall not be operated at a speed not to exceed 15 miles per hour.
- (G) Golf carts may not be operated on State Highway 77 except to cross said highway at intersections, to access the businesses in the downtown area on Highway 77.
- (H) Person operating a golf cart or who is a passenger in a golf cart is not required to wear a crash helmet.
- (I) A golf cart operated on a street, township under this section is not required to be registered under this act for purposes of section 3101 of the Insurance Code of 1956, 1956 pa 218, MC500.3101.
- (J) All golf carts must have a slow moving sign mounted to vehicle.
- (K) Any person who operates a golf cart must adhere to all applicable state laws concerning the possession and use of alcoholic beverages and all illegal drugs, as well as all state traffic laws.
- (L) All golf carts must have the following equipment, breaks, steering apparatus, tires, rear view mirror slow moving emblem as required by 625 1LCS 5/12-709, headlights that emit white light, tail lights that emit red light visible from at least 100 ft. from rear.
- (M) A golf cart shall not be operated in inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions, or at any time when there is: insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet .