

451.01: OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS:

A person may operate a golf cart on city streets, subject to the following restrictions:

(a) As used in this ordinance, “golf cart” means a vehicle designed for transportation while playing the game of golf. A golf cart is not required to meet the vehicle safety requirements of a low-speed vehicle for approval under this ordinance.

(b) A person shall not operate a golf cart unless he or she is at least 16 years old and licensed to operate a motor vehicle and has in their immediate possession a valid driver’s license.

(c) The operator of a golf cart shall comply with the signal requirements of MCL 257.648 that apply to the operation of a vehicle.

(d) 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.

(e) Where a usable and designated path for golf carts is provided adjacent to a highway or street, a person operating a golf cart shall be required to use that path.

(f) 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.

(g) A golf cart shall not be operated on a sidewalk constructed for the use of pedestrians.

(h) A golf cart shall be operated at a speed not to exceed 15 miles per hour and shall not be operated on a highway or street with a speed limit of more than 30 miles per hours except to cross that highway or street.

(i) A golf cart shall not be operated on City streets during the time period from one half (1/2) hour before sunset to one half (1/2) hour after sunrise.

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

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

(l) This ordinance does not apply to a police officer in the performance of his or her official duties.

(m) A golf cart operated on a City street under this ordinance is not required to be registered under the Michigan Vehicle Code for purpose of section 3101 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3101.

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

(o) 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. In no event shall a person operate a golf cart at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, or in a careless manner, having due regard for conditions then existing.

451.02: PENALTY:

Violation of any provisions of this section shall be penalized as a civil infraction and subject to a fine of not more than \$500.00.

451.03: REPEAL CLAUSE:

All ordinance and/or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.