

CHAPTER 15 ORDINANCE NO.15.05

TOWN OF LYONS

Ordinance to Regulate the Operation of a Golf Cart on Public Roads

The Town Board of the Town of Lyons, Walworth County, Wisconsin, does ordain Town of Lyons Ordinance No.15.05 as follows:

Section 1.

Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to provide a means of travel that is not only convenient, but conserves resources and protects the environment. Golf carts, if properly used, are an effective way to travel for short distances within the Town and area subdivisions. However, to ensure public safety and welfare, the operation of golf carts must comply within the regulations established in this ordinance.

Section 2.

Operational Provisions.

1. All golf carts must be equipped with and maintained with features as designed by the manufacturer as applicable, i.e. brakes, lights, seat belts, turn signals, etc. Golf carts that have been modified to exceed a speed of 25 miles per hour, or modified in any way that creates a hazard, do not meet the requirements of this ordinance. Golf carts that cannot maintain a speed of 25 mph must display a Low-Speed Vehicle (LSV) emblem as required by Section 347.245(1) Wis. Statutes.
2. No person under the age of 16 may operate any golf cart on any public roads. All legal operators will be required to have a valid driver's license. For the purposes of this ordinance, learner's permits, temporary, revoked, suspended or expired licenses are prohibited.
3. Golf Cart usage is only allowed on Town of Lyons roads with a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour or lower except as further provided herein. Usage is prohibited on County and State Highways or any other public road with a posted speed limit exceeding 25 miles per hour. Golf carts may only cross over County Highways, State Highways and/or public roads in locations where the highway or road does not exceed 35 mph.
4. Golf carts shall not be operated on any sidewalk, pedestrian walkway, bicycle path or trail, except for official police business and by Town personnel for Town business.
5. No golf cart may be operated on Town public roads before sunrise or after sunset. Golf carts may not be operated when fog, smog, smoke or other conditions reduce visibility so that the golf cart is not visible for a distance of 250 feet, nor in weather conditions that compromise effective travel, i.e. heavy rain, ice, snow or other hazardous conditions.
6. Golf cart capacity. The seating capacity shall not be exceeded beyond that of the manufacturer's recommendation. No child is allowed on a golf cart operated on any public road if a child restraint (car seat) is required by state or federal regulations for said child if said child was a passenger in an automobile (Must meet both requirements: child must be at minimum of 4 years and 40 lbs.)