

TOWN OF ROCKLAND, MANITOWOC COUNTY, WI

ORDINANCE NO. 10-1-2019

GOLF CARTS

9-2-1: INTENT:

The town board, following due consideration of the value to the public to provide recreational opportunities, and considering the benefits offset by the potential liabilities including terrain involved, traffic density, and the history of automobile traffic, hereby intends to create routes for the operation of golf carts and regulate the operation of golf carts as provided herein. (Ord. 10-1-2019)

9-2-2: AUTHORITY:

This chapter and the routes created herein are adopted pursuant to the law enforcement authority of the town, together with the authority under section 349.18, Wisconsin statutes. (Ord. 10-1-2019)

9-2-3: DEFINATIONS:

As used in this chapter, the following terms will have the following meanings:

GOLF CART: A small motor vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty five (25) miles per hour. Golf cart does not include an all-terrain vehicle (ATV or UTV).

TOWN: The Rockland Sanitary District #1 in the Town of Rockland, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin.

TOWN BOARD: Elected officials on the town board in the Town of Rockland, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. (Ord. 10-1-2019)

9-2-4: RULES OF OPERATION, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS:

The following rules of operation, conditions, and restrictions apply to the operation of golf carts in the Rockland Sanitary District #1 of Town of Rockland, Manitowoc County:

- A. **Speed:** No person shall operate a golf cart within the Rockland Sanitary District #1 on any trail or street or route designated herein at a speed in excess of 25mph unless otherwise posted.
- B. **Right Side Operation:** A golf cart shall be operated on the extreme right side of the roadway and travel with the flow of traffic and shall be operated in single file.
- C. **Yield:** Golf cart operators shall yield the right of way to all other vehicular traffic and pedestrians.
- D. **Equipment:** No golf cart shall be operated on any street or route within the Rockland Sanitary District #1 unless it conforms to all noise, registration, and other equipment requirements as required by Wisconsin statutes, administrative code, or this code.
- E. **Lights:** A golf cart operating within the Rockland Sanitary District #1 shall display a lighted headlight and taillight at all times. Said lights shall conform to the requirements of Wisconsin statutes and this code, including the following:
 - 1. Headlights shall be of a white or clear light and must be capable of illuminating the road ahead during hours of darkness and be observed at a distance of five hundred feet (500'). Headlights must be properly adjusted, as not to interfere with the operation of other vehicles on the roadway.
 - 2. Taillights shall be red in color and be observable to a distance of five hundred feet (500') at night.
- F. **Slow Moving Vehicle:** Any golf cart unable to reach a speed of twenty five (25) miles per hour shall display a slow moving vehicle triangle visible on the rear of such vehicle according to Wisconsin statutes and administrative code governing SMV emblems at all times while in operation on any roadway.
- G. **Operation On Sidewalks Prohibited:** No person shall operate a golf cart on any sidewalk, pedestrian way, or upon the area between the sidewalk and the curb line of any street in the Rockland Sanitary District #1, except as specifically authorized for the purpose of legally crossing the street, from an area of private property with permission, to obtain immediate access to an authorized area of operation.

- H. Unattended Vehicles: No person shall leave or allow any golf cart owned or operated or under his/her control to remain unattended on any public highway or public property within the Rockland Sanitary District #1 while the motor is running or with the starting key left in the ignition. (Ord. 10-1-2019)

9-2-6: OPERATION RESTRICTIONS:

The following restrictions shall apply to all operators or passengers of golf carts within the Rockland Sanitary District #1:

- A. A person shall hold a valid Operator's license to operate a golf cart. No person whose operating license is under suspension, revocation, or cancellation for any reason may operate a golf cart.

9-2-7: DESIGNATED GOLF CART ROUTES:

- A. Routes And Trails: The following are designated routes and trails for golf cart use within the Rockland Sanitary District #1:

All Public Streets As Listed:

1. Calumet
2. Center
3. Charleston
4. Landis
5. Main
6. Milwaukee
7. Prospect
8. Rantoul
9. Rockland

All Other Public Roads Excluded:

These roads are not golf cart approved per state statute 349.18

10. County Road W.
11. County Road JJ.
12. Any street where operation is prohibited by a posted sign.

- B. Other Areas Prohibited: Except as provided in Wisconsin statutes or in this chapter, no person shall operate any golf cart upon any public right of way, street, or highway, nature trail, or in any public park or cemetery or on any other public or private property in the Rockland Sanitary District #1 except upon designated golf cart routes and trails.
See attached map for golf cart routes.
- C. Exception for Crossing: Notwithstanding the foregoing, a golf cart may be operated to cross from one side of a prohibited street to the other from a legal area to reach a street which is legal upon which to operate.
- D. Golf Cart Routes, Signs, And Markers:
1. Markers: The town board or its designee are authorized and directed to procure, erect, and maintain appropriate golf cart routes, trails, and speed limit signs and markers as approved by the state of Wisconsin to comply with the terms of this chapter.
 2. Status: The town board or law enforcement shall have the authority to declare the stated golf cart routes and trails either opened or closed.
 3. Signs And Markers: No person shall fail to obey any route or trail sign, marker, or speed limit or other control device erected in accordance with this chapter or under the authority of Wisconsin statutes. (Ord. 10-1-2019).

9-2-8: ENFORCEMENT:

- A. Enforcement: This chapter shall be enforced by any law enforcement officer of the Town of Rockland, Manitowoc County or such other local, county, or state law enforcement officers.
- B. Citation: The uniform traffic citation under Wisconsin statutes shall be used for violations of this chapter.
- C. Penalty: The penalty for violation of any provision of this chapter shall be a forfeiture not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), together with the costs of prosecution.
(Ord. 10-1-2019)

D. Effective Date: October 1, 2019

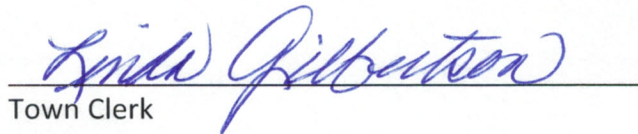
This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law under s.60.80, Wis. Stats.

Adopted this 26th day of August, 2019, by a majority vote of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rockland, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randall Brader", written over a horizontal line.

Town Board Chairperson

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Linda Gilbertson", written over a horizontal line.

Town Clerk