

CHAPTER 377

Golf Carts

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377.01 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Vehicle" has the same meaning as set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 4501.01(A).
- (b) "Motor Vehicle" has the same meaning as set forth in Ohio Revised Code 4501.01(B).
- (c) "Operator" has the same meaning as set forth in Ohio Revised Code 4501.01(X).
- (d) "Low Speed Vehicle" has the same meaning as set forth in Ohio Revised Code 4501.01(WW).
- (e) "Under-Speed Vehicle" has the same meaning as set forth in Ohio Revised Code 4501.01(XX). Golf carts are considered under-speed vehicles.
- (f) "Street" and "Highway" have the same meanings as set forth in Ohio Revised Code 4501.01(AA).
(Ord. 2020-104. Passed 8-24-20.)

377.02 INSPECTION REQUIRED.

(a) No person shall operate a golf cart on the streets within the City of Streetsboro unless the golf cart has first passed an inspection by the Chief of Police or designee for compliance with the State of Ohio's requirements that are applicable to motor vehicles and such golf carts contains all equipment required by this chapter.

(b) The owner or operator of any golf cart shall be required to pay an initial inspection fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the police department. If the Chief of Police or designee determines that the golf cart complies with state laws and this chapter, the Chief of Police or designee shall issue the owner or operator a certificate of compliance entitling the owner or operator to operate the golf cart on the designated streets within the City of Streetsboro. Any certificate issued pursuant to this section by the Chief of Police expires after 365 days and the Chief of Police will designate the issuing date and expiration date on each certificate. The certificate will expire on the expiration date unless renewed prior thereto. A renewal fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per year shall be imposed. The Chief of Police shall issue a sticker or other similar device to the owner of each golf cart once it is inspected. The sticker shall signify compliance with this section and the expiration of the current inspection period. The owner of each golf cart shall display the sticker in a conspicuous place on the rear of the golf cart. The owner or operator shall also show the Chief of Police or designee proof of liability insurance for the golf cart before a certificate of compliance is issued. (Ord. 2020-151. Passed 10-26-20.)

377.03 EQUIPMENT.

In addition to any rules or regulations promulgated by the Director of Public Safety, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4511 and Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4513, equipment of the golf cart shall include, but not necessarily be limited to requirements for the following items of equipment, all to be in working order during operation:

- (a) Adequate brakes and braking system;
- (b) Properly working brake lights, headlight, taillights, and turn signals;
- (c) A properly working steering mechanism;
- (d) A windshield made of safety glass;
- (e) A rearview mirror;
- (f) A working horn audible from not less than 200 feet;
- (g) A child safety seat for any occupancy under the age of four or under forty (40) pounds in weight;
- (h) Rear license plate to make the rear plate legible from a distance of fifty (50) feet; and
- (i) Seatbelts for the driver and all passengers;
- (j) Two working headlights;
- (k) Each cart shall have a maximum speed of no more than twenty (20) miles per hour;
- (l) Appropriate tires that are free of major bumps, bulges, breaks or any condition that would be cause for unsafe conditions.
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377.04 USAGE AND RESTRICTIONS.

(a) No golf carts shall be permitted to travel on any City street where the speed limit is greater than twenty-five (25) miles per hour. At no time shall golf carts be permitted to be operated on Page Road or State Route 303.

(b) Occupants of golf carts shall be seated at all times on the seat of the golf cart buckled by the seat belt when the golf cart is on and in motion. Standing on any portion of the golf cart while it is in motion is prohibited.

(c) No person shall operate a golf cart on sidewalks or bike paths.

(d) Operator must hold a valid, current motor vehicle driver's license.

(e) No person who is the owner or operator of a golf cart shall fail to display, in plain view on the rear of the golf cart, the distinctive number and registration mark, including any county identification and any validation sticker.

(f) The owner of a golf cart shall also comply with all requirements of Ohio law regarding proper title, registration and license plates prior to operating a golf cart on any City street.

(g) Proof of liability insurance comparable to that required for automobiles is required to operate a golf cart on the streets within the City of Streetsboro.

(h) The operator of a golf cart on the City streets shall be required to follow all traffic regulations.

(i) Golf carts are the only low speed or under-speed vehicles permitted to operate on City streets provided the requirements of this Chapter are met.

(Ord. 2020-151. Passed 10-26-20.)

377.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates this Chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on the first offense. On a second offense within one year after the first offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or plead guilty to a previous violation of this Chapter, whoever violates this Chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more prior violations of this Chapter, whoever violates this Chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

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