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**Town of Riverview
Oconto County, Wisconsin**

Chapter 30-2019 Golf Cart Ordinance & Application

SECTION 1:

Chapter 30 of the Town of Riverview Ordinances is hereby created to read as follows:

1. Purpose and Definition

A. The purpose of this chapter is to provide a means of travel that is not only convenient and safe, but conserves resources and protects the environment. Golf carts, if properly used, are an effective way to travel for short distances within the Town. However, to ensure the public safety and welfare, the operation of golf carts must not only comply with normal regulations regarding vehicles, but must comply with special safety regulations intended to protect the operator and passengers in a vehicle that is primarily designed for operation on a golf course or recreational purposes. This chapter establishes the basic, minimum standards of care to be used by the operators of golf carts on public roads. Likewise, the public safety requires that golf carts, used as a means of transportation, must also meet certain minimum safety standards that can only be assured through a system of registration. The registration of golf carts is required in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

B. Definitions –

Golf Cart – A vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding 20 miles per hour.

2. Operation of Golf carts allowed; exceptions

A. Allowed – The operation of golf carts on certain public roads within the Town in compliance with the provisions of this chapter shall be permitted; however, it shall be unlawful to operate any golf cart that is not properly registered with the Town or operate any golf cart at any place, time or in any manner not authorized herein.

B. Exceptions. The operation of golf carts is not subject to the provisions of this chapter under the following circumstances:

1. The operation of golf carts at golf courses, private clubs or on private property, with the consent of the owner.
2. The use of a golf cart in connection with a parade, a festival or other special event, provided the consent of the sponsor is obtained and provided such vehicle is only used during such event and with standing this ordinance.

3. License Required.

No person who is less than 16 years of age or who does not have a valid driver's license issued under or granted by the laws of Wisconsin or some other state may operate a golf cart on any public road within the Town. For purposes of this section, a learner's permit shall not be considered as a valid driver's license nor shall any license that has been revoked, temporary or otherwise, or suspended for any reason, be considered as a valid driver's license during the period of suspension or revocation.

4. Registration.

A. Required. No golf cart may be operated on any public road within the Town unless the golf cart has first been registered with the Riverview Town Clerk or designee as required herein.

The registration shall be renewed thereafter in accordance with the provisions of this section. To evidence the registration, the owner shall be issued a permit which shall be displayed in a prominent, visible place on each side of the golf cart. The permit may contain a registration number assigned for the particular golf cart and may contain an expiration date.

B. Registration Fee. A registration fee in the amount of \$50.00 for a period of (3) three years shall be paid to the Town at the time the application for registration is filed. Renewal is then required every (3) three years. Registration is prorated for year 2 and 3.

C. Application. The application for registration shall be made to the Riverview Town Clerk or to some other person designated, on forms provided by the Town. The application may, among other things, require the owner's name, street address, mailing address, a phone number, the make, model and identification or serial number of the golf cart, and such other information as may be reasonably required as well as a release or disclaimer of liability by the Town for accidents involving the registered golf cart.

D. Requirements:

1. The brakes provided by the manufacturer of the golf cart are in proper working order.
2. The golf cart has all of the standard safety features provided by the manufacturer and has not been modified to exceed a speed of 20 miles per hour, nor otherwise modified in any way that creates a hazard.
3. The golf cart is equipped with all mechanical systems and safety equipment required by this chapter.
4. All existing manufacturer lights are in working order, or a minimum of one headlight and two taillights installed so as to not conflict with oncoming traffic's vision if driven after sun set and before sun rise.
5. One rear view mirror is required.

E. Denial and revocation. The initial registration of a golf cart may be denied or subsequently revoked by the Town of Riverview if it is determined that:

1. The application contains any material misrepresentation.
2. The golf cart is not in compliance with the requirements set out above.
3. The golf cart has been altered or customized and no longer meets the definition of a golf cart.
4. Equipment supplied by the manufacturer, especially safety equipment, has been removed from the golf cart or the vehicle identification or serial number removed.
5. Other good cause shown including repeated violations of this chapter.

F. Disqualified vehicles. ATVs, four-wheel utility vehicles and other similar utility vehicles which are not manufactured for operation on a golf course and golf carts which have been modified so that it no longer meets the definition of a golf cart may not be registered as a golf cart nor shall such vehicles be operated on the public roads within the Town unless such vehicles are otherwise registered with and allowed under the motor vehicle laws of the State of Wisconsin.

5. Manner of operation.

Golf carts shall not be operated on the public streets of the Town, except in full compliance with the provisions of this section.

A. Operation. 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.

B. Roads. Golf carts may be operated on any Town owned roads, with a posted speed limit of 25 MPH or less only.

C. Golf Carts may operate on the ATV trail from West Crooked Lake Rd. to the Crooked Lake store and from the Crooked Lake store to Chapel Ln. though the church parking lot.

D. Motor vehicle laws. All laws regarding the use of motor vehicles in the State of Wisconsin and all ordinances regarding the use of motor vehicles in the Town, not inconsistent therewith shall be observed, except that no golf cart may be operated at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour, or the top speed set by the manufacturer, whichever is lesser.

E. No golf cart shall ride on county Rd. W. Golf carts may cross county Rd. W only in the most direct manner.

F. Alcohol. No open intoxicants allowed at any time on a golf cart.

G. Right-of-way. The operator of a golf cart shall yield the right-of-way to overtaking motor vehicles. Golf carts must stay to the extreme right side of road.

H. Golf cart capacity. The seating capacity must be as designed by the manufacturer (normally no more than four passengers) shall not be exceeded nor shall the operator or any passenger be permitted to stand while the golf cart is in operation.

I. Commercial purposes. Golf carts may not be used as a taxicab or bus or for the commercial carrying of passengers or the hauling of freight.

J. Parking. Golf carts may only be parked in the same manner and at the same places designated for the parking of motor vehicles. The stopping, standing or parking of golf carts in an area where parking is not allowed or in any place that impedes the flow of traffic, pedestrian walkways or a passageway is prohibited.

K. Towing. Golf carts may not be used for the purpose of towing another cart, trailer, or vehicle of any kind including a person on roller skates, skateboard or bicycle.

6. Disclaimer and liability.

A. Disclaimer. Golf carts are not designed for nor manufactured to be used on public streets and the Town neither advocates nor endorses the golf cart as a safe means of travel on public streets, roads and highways. The Town in no way shall be liable for accidents, injuries or death involving the operation of a golf cart.

B. Assumption of risk. Any person who owns, operates or rides upon a golf cart on a public road within the Town does so at his or her own risk and peril and assumes all liability resulting from the operation of the golf cart.

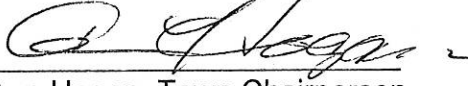
7. Violations and penalties.

If any person shall violate this ordinance, he or she shall be guilty of a forfeiture and shall be fined not more than \$100.00 for the first violation and not more than \$250.00 for any further violations.

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and posting as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Board of the Town of Riverview, Oconto County, Wisconsin
this 9th day of July, 2019.

Town of Riverview

BY: 
Ann Hogan, Town Chairperson

ATTEST:


Kris Barthel, Town Clerk

Date Posted: 7/11/19

**TOWN OF RIVERVIEW
GOLF CART PERMIT APPLICATION**

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Address: _____ Apt. #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Applicant's Phone Number: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Applicant's Driver's License Number: _____ State: _____

GOLF CART INFORMATION

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Color: _____

Vehicle Identification Number / Serial Number: _____

Electric or Gas: _____

Signature: _____ Date of Application: _____

By signing this application you are verifying that all factory safety equipment is operational.

**\$50.00 Three-year permit fee is paid to the Town of Riverview

**\$30.00 if registered in the second year

**\$20.00 if registered in the third year

Collected By: _____ Permit Issue Date ____/____/____

Receipt #: _____

Registration by mail to

Town of Riverview
P.O. Box 220
Mountain, WI 54149

Included a stamped self-addressed envelope