

**CITY OF HARTFORD
COUNTY OF VAN BUREN
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**GOLF CART REGULATION ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE # 312-16**

An ordinance to secure the public peace, health and safety of the residents and property owners of the City of Hartford, Van Buren County, Michigan a municipal corporation, for the regulation of the use of golf carts on public roads within the corporate limits of the city, the prohibition of the use of golf carts on State trunk lines pursuant to MCL 257.657a, to provide penalties for the violation of said ordinance, and to repeal all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

THE CITY OF HARTFORD, COUNTY OF VAN BUREN, AND STATE OF MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Sec. I. TITLE.

This ordinance shall be known and cited as City of Hartford Golf Cart Regulation Ordinance.

Sec. II. OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON PUBLIC ROADS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF CITY OF HARTFORD.

A person may operate a golf cart on City roads within the City of Hartford subject to the following restrictions:

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.

- 1.) The operator of a golf cart shall comply with the signal requirements of MCL 257.648 that apply to operation of a vehicle.**
- 2.) A person operating a golf cart upon a road way 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.**
- 3.) A person shall not operate a golf cart on a state trunk line highway (including Red Arrow Highway). This subsection does not prohibit a person from crossing a state trunk line highway when operating golf carts on Public Street using the most direct line of crossing.**
- 4.) 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.**
- 5.) 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 the case of a one-way street, in the unoccupied lane.**
- 6.) A golf cart shall not be operated on a sidewalk constructed for the use of pedestrians.**
- 7.) 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 30miles per hour except to cross that highway or street.**
- 8.) A golf cart shall not be operated on public streets during the time period from one-half (1/2) hour before sunset to one-half (1/2) hour after sunrise.**
- 10) A person operating a golf cart or who is a passenger in a golf cart is not required to wear crash helmet.**

- 11) This ordinance does not apply to a police officer in the performance of his or her duties.
- 12) A golf cart operated on Public Street under this ordinance is not required to be registered under the Michigan Vehicle Code for purposes of section 3101 of the insurance code of 1956,1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3101.
- 13) As used in this ordinance, “golf cart” means a vehicle designed for transportation while playing a game of golf. A golf cart is not required to meet the vehicle safety standard requirements of a low –speed vehicle for approval under this ordinance.

Sec. III. VIOLATIONS; PENALTIES.

Any person found guilty of violating any provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a civil infraction as set forth in 10.99(c) and be punishable by a fine of \$50.00 dollars for the first offence and a fine of \$150.00 dollars for the second violation and a fine of \$300.00 for the third and each subsequent violation. Each violation of the provisions hereof shall be deemed a separate offence. (1993 Code, 6.27) .

Sec. IV. SEVERABILITY.

This Ordinance and various parts, sections, subsections, sentences, phrases and clauses hereof are declared to be severable. If any part, section subsection, sentence, phrase or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Sec. V. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication after adoption.

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CERTIFICATION.

I, the undersigned Clerk of the City of Hartford, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance is a true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted in accordance with the procedures set forth and pursuant to Act 359 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1947 at a regular meeting of the Hartford City Commission held on May 23, 2016.

Dated: June 2, 2016

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk: _____.