

Operation of golf carts on township streets

1. A township having a population of fewer than 30,000 individuals based upon the 2010 decennial census may by resolution, unless disapproved by the county board of commissioners under subsection (3), allow the operation of golf carts on the streets of that township, subject to the requirements of this section.
2. If a township allows the operation of golf carts on the streets of that township, that township may require those golf carts and the operators of those golf carts to be recorded on a list maintained by that township. A township shall not charge a fee for listing golf carts or the operators of those golf carts.
3. A county board of commissioners may, by resolution, disapprove the operation of golf carts on the streets of a township located within that county if the county board of commissioners conducts a hearing and determines that 1 or more of the following apply:
 - a. The operation of golf carts on the streets of that township would cause significant environmental damage.
 - b. The operation of golf carts on the streets of that township would cause a significant concern of public safety.
4. The county board of commissioners shall provide public notice of a hearing under subsection (3) at least 45 days before the hearing is conducted. The county board of commissioners shall also provide written notice of a hearing under subsection (3) to the township at least 45 days before the hearing is conducted.
5. A person shall not operate a golf cart on any street unless he or she is at least 16 years old and is licensed to operate a motor vehicle.
6. The operator of a golf cart shall comply with the signal requirements of section 648 that apply to the operation of a vehicle.
7. A person operating a golf cart upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or a vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
8. A person shall not operate a golf cart on a state trunk line highway. The person may cross the state trunk line highway using the most direct line of crossing.
9. A person operating a golf cart shall not pass between lines of traffic.
10. A golf cart shall be operated at a speed not to exceed 15 miles per hour and shall not be operated on a street with a speed limit of more than 30 miles per hour.
A township may, by resolution, designate roads or classifications of roads for use by golf carts under this subsection.
11. A golf cart shall not be operated on a street during the time period from 1/2 hour before sunset to 1/2 hour after sunrise.

This is a summary of Michigan Vehicle Code Act 300 of 1949, section 257.657a. Please go to Michigan Legislative website for the complete law(<http://www.legislature.mi.gov>).