

MASON TOWNSHIP

CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 08-08-01

ADOPTED: AUGUST 08,2023

EFFECTIVE: EIGHT (8) DAYS FOLLOWING PULBICATION AFTER ADOPTION

THE TOWNSHIP OF MASON

ORDAINS:

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN MASON TOWNSHIP:

SECTION 1: GOLF CARTS

WHEREAS, Public Act. 491 of 2014 amended Public Act 300 of 1949, commonly know as the Michigan Vehicle Code, being MCL 257.1 through MCL 257.923: and,

WHEREAS, Public Act. 491 of 2014 created a new section to the Michigan Vehicle Code which allows for the limited and regulated use of golf carts on public streets and highways which is found at MCL 257.657a; and,

WHEREAS, UNDER THE AMENDED Michigan Vehicle Code, Mason Township may allow for the limited and regulated use of golf carts on their streets subject to the terms and conditions specified in MCL 257.657a via the adoption of an ordinance to that effect; and,

WHEREAS, Mason Township desire to permit the limited use of golf carts on its streets and highways as permitted and regulated by MCL 257.657a,

NOW THRERFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Mason Township having population of fewer than 30,000 individuals based upon the 2010 decennial census may be resolution, unless disapproved by the county board of commissioners under section (3), allow the operation of golf carts on the streets of Mason Township, subject to the requirements of this section.

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 be resolution, unless disapproved by the county board of commissioners under subject (3), allow the operation of golf carts on the street of that township, subject to the requirements of this section.
2. Under the conditions contained in Michigan Vehicle Code, as amended, being MCL 257.657, Mason Township hereby allows the use of golf carts on the streets in the township, subject to the regulations of Public Act 491 of 2014
3. No golf cart shall be operated on a non-motorized trail, pathway, or sidewalk in Mason Township, as such trails, pathways, and sidewalks are not designated for use by golf carts.

4. A person shall not operate a golf chart on any street unless he or she is at least 16 years old and is licensed to operate a motor vehicle.
5. The operator of a golf cart shall comply with the signal requirements of section 648 that apply to the operation of a vehicle.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. A person operating a golf cart shall not pass between lines of traffic.
9. 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 sped limit of more than 30 miles per hour.
10. A golf cart shall not be operated on a street during the time period from ½ hour before sunset to ½ hour after sunrise.
11. Mason Township reserves the right to rescind this approval in the future if the board determines that the limit and regulated use of golf carts on the Township streets has become a safety hazard or is deemed to be a nuisance.

This ordinance shall take effect eight (8) days following publication after adoption by Mason Township Board.

Adopted by Mason Township Board on the 8th, Day of August 2023

Effective on the 24th Day of August 2023

Signed:

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