

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-05**

**OF THE TOWN OF WINSLOW, INDIANA**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) IN  
ORDER TO PERMIT THE USE OF GOLF CARTS ON TOWN STREETS**

**WHEREAS**, there is a growing public interest in using golf carts on Town streets for social and recreational purposes.

**WHEREAS**, the State of Indiana, pursuant to IC 9-21-1-3.3, authorizes a city or town to adopt an ordinance regulating the use and operation of golf carts on the roads within their jurisdiction.

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to permit the use of golf carts by its residents under certain circumstances.

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to adopt enforcement measures and penalties to encourage compliance with this ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Winslow, Indiana that Title 15 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) is hereby amended to include the following Section:

**GOLF CARTS ON TOWN STREETS**

**Definitions**

**Authorization and requirements of operation**

**Required equipment**

**Fines and penalties**

**Exemptions**

**Appeal**

**Definitions.** For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

1. **Golf cart** is hereby defined as a four-wheeled motor vehicle originally and specifically designed and intended to transport one or more individuals and golf clubs for the purposes of playing the game of golf on a golf course.
2. **Roadways** means that portion of a town highway, road, street, alley or right of way improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel or parking.

3. **Operate** means to exercise any control over the function or movement of a golf cart.
4. **Driver's license** means a valid license to operate a motor vehicle issued by the State of Indiana or any other state.

**Authorization and requirements of operation.** Golf carts are hereby authorized to be operated on all streets and alleys under the jurisdiction of the Town of Winslow, with exception of any highway designated as a part of the State highway system, other than to cross such State highway as they intersect with local streets under the jurisdiction of the Town. Each owner/operator of a golf cart, pursuant to the terms of this ordinance, must comply with the following requirements.

1. Golf cart is subject to all traffic regulations applicable to the operation of motor vehicles.
2. Any golf cart operated on any public road herein shall carry no more passengers than actual seating provided by the vehicle manufacturer, and no more than four passengers other than the driver. The operator and all occupants shall be seated in the golf cart and no part of the body of the occupants shall extend outside the perimeter of the golf cart while the golf cart is in motion.
3. Only persons over sixteen (16) years of age and holding a valid driver's license may operate a golf cart.
4. Golf carts shall not be operated on town streets during one-half after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise unless the golf cart is equipped with two operating headlights (one on each side of the front of the golf cart) and two operating tail lights with brake lights (one on each side of the rear of the golf cart) which are visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet.

**Required equipment.** The following equipment is required on any golf cart during operation on any roadway.

1. The slow moving vehicle emblem provided for the state statute, properly mounted to the rear of the golf cart pursuant to state regulations.
2. A rear view mirror, properly mounted on the golf cart so as to reflect to the operator a view of the street for a distance of at least two hundred (200) feet to the rear of the golf cart.

3. A red or orange safety flag properly mounted five feet above the rear bumper of the vehicle.

**Fines and penalties.** In addition to penalties provided by law for violation of traffic laws and regulations, any person who violates this Ordinance shall be fined in the sum of \$25.00 for the first offense, \$50.00 for the second offense, and \$100.00 for each subsequent offense. Such fines shall be deposited in the General Fund of the Town of Winslow.

**Exemptions.** This chapter does not apply to golf carts that are being operated in special events of limited duration that is conducted according to a prearranged schedule and which has been approved or sanctioned by the Town (such as parades and festivals).

**Appeal.** An appeal of a decision or a citation issued by the Winslow Town Marshal may be made to the Winslow Town Council within 30 days of the initial citation or decision.