

VILLAGE OF COLEMAN

GOLF CART ORDINANCE 2024-01

WHEREAS WI Stats §349.18(1m) (a) allows for a municipality to adopt an ordinance allowing the operation of golf carts on village streets that are located within the territorial boundaries of the municipality, and;

WHEREAS WI Stats §349.18(1m) (d) allows for an ordinance under §349.18(1m) (a) to include a definition of the term “golf cart”. and;

NOW THEREFORE the Village Board of the Village of Coleman, Marinette County, Wisconsin does ordain as follows:

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this section 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 Village. However, to ensure the public safety and welfare, the operation of golf carts must not only comply with normal regulations regarding vehicles but should 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 for recreational purposes. This section establishes the basic, minimum standards of care to be used by the operators of golf carts on village streets. 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 of our law-abiding citizens.

B. DEFINITIONS – As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

GOLF CART

A vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes.

C. LICENSE REQUIRED

No person who is under the age of 16 years of age or who does not hold 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 street within the Village. 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of this section, a learner’s permit shall not be considered as a valid driver’s license, nor shall any license that has been revoked, temporarily or otherwise, or suspended for any reason, be considered as valid driver’s license during the period of suspension or revocation.

D. REGISTRATION/PERMIT REQUIREMENT; INSPECTION

1. GENERAL REQUIREMENT

In addition to any other registration requirements that may be imposed by the State of Wisconsin, an annual Village Use Permit is required to operate any golf cart within the Village of Coleman. The

nonrefundable fee for this permit shall be \$25.00 per year payable at time of application. The application form is available from the Village Clerk or online at villageofcoleman.com, and shall be fully completed and signed.

2. INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

- a. A registration application shall be completed in full and signed.
- b. No racing-type golf carts, golf cart conversions, or converted golf cart drive trains will be allowed on Village streets or public ways.
- c. No dirt bikes or other vehicles that are not considered to be standard golf carts will be allowed as golf carts.
- d. The owner shall provide proper identification and sufficient liability insurance coverage at time of application. Uninsured golf carts are not eligible for registration.
- e. Golf carts shall have a properly functioning muffler that meets the original manufacturer's specifications and is sufficiently quiet. No specially tuned or expansion-type mufflers are permitted.
- f. Brakes and other safety equipment shall be properly functioning, and tires shall be in good condition.
- g. A required Slow Moving Vehicle Sign shall be installed at time of application.

3. PERMIT CONDITIONS

- a. Upon Satisfactory inspection of the golf cart, a Village Use Permit may be issued allowing the golf cart to be operated on Village of Coleman streets and public ways for a period of 1 year. Such permit shall be placed to be plainly visible on the cart's front cowling so as to be clearly visible to any enforcement official.
- b. The annual Village Use Permit shall be valid from May 1st through April 30th of each year.
- c. The Village Trail Use Permit does not authorize golf cart use outside of the Village of Coleman.
- d. Occupants riding on a golf cart are limited by the manufacturers number of seat capacity.
- e. Hours of operation shall be dusk to dawn
- f. Golf cart operators shall operate in single file and shall yield the right-of-way to all other vehicular traffic and pedestrians.
- g. Golf carts will be allowed only on roadways/streets that are within the Village limits.
- h. No trailers or any attachments will be allowed to be pulled behind any golf cart.
- i. Golf carts shall obey all traffic laws. (ATV Rules)
- j. Golf carts operated on any portion of any roadway or shoulder of a roadway, shall not travel in excess of 25 MPH.

4. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

- a. **Violations** of this section shall constitute a non-criminal infraction enforceable by all duly authorized law enforcement officers of Marinette County or the Wisconsin State Patrol.

b. Penalty. Violators of this section shall be fined not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$250.00 and possible loss of the right to operate a golf cart on designated streets.

This Ordinance shall take effect May 15, 2024

Signed: Jeffrey C. Gosa Dated 5-15-24
Jeffrey Gosa Sr., Village President

Attest: Lori Gross Dated 5-15-24
Lori Gross, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer

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