

ORDINANCE 22-20

AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE USE AND OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS AND
"ALL-PURPOSE VEHICLES" WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF
UHRICHSVILLE, OHIO

WHEREAS, the use of golf carts and all-purpose vehicles on the streets of the City of Uhrichsville, Ohio has become more prevalent and members of the community have expressed a desire to operate golf carts and all-purpose vehicles on the streets of the City of Uhrichsville, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the use of golf carts and all-purpose vehicles on the streets of the City of Uhrichsville, Ohio creates an issue of safety and public concern; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Uhrichsville, Ohio desires to establish rules and regulations concerning the operation, insurance, inspection, and registration of golf carts and all-purpose vehicles, and provide for a penalty for violating said rules and regulations.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE, OHIO AS FOLLOWS:

- SECTION 1. For the purposes of this Ordinance, a "golf cart" is defined as a motor vehicle as that term is defined under Ohio Revised Code Section 4501.01(B), which is powered by gasoline or electricity and which cannot exceed 25 mph, is not originally designed or constructed for operation on a street or highway, and which is the type of vehicle typically operated on a golf course.
- SECTION 2. For the purposes of this Ordinance, an "all-purpose vehicle" is defined as any self-propelled vehicle designed primarily for travel on land, and steered by wheels or caterpillar treads, or any combination thereof, including vehicles commonly known as all-terrain vehicles, utility vehicles and all-season vehicles, but does not include vehicles commonly referred to as "4-wheelers."
- SECTION 3. Any person driving a golf cart or all-purpose vehicle on or across public streets, roadways, and/or public property shall possess a valid vehicle operator's license (drivers license).
- SECTION 4. If the golf cart or all-purpose vehicle is operated on or across the public streets, roadways and/or public property, the owner of the golf cart or all-purpose vehicle must carry liability insurance coverage comparable to that required under Ohio law for motor vehicles.

SECTION 5. When driving a golf cart or all-purpose vehicle on or across public streets, roadways, and/or public property, the operator of the golf cart or all-purpose vehicle must carry proof of such insurance.

SECTION 6. If the golf cart or all-purpose vehicle is to be driven on or across public streets, roadways, and/or public property, the golf cart or all-purpose vehicle must have the following equipment:

1. Operational rear tail lights;
2. Operational brake lights;
3. Two operational headlights;
4. A functional rearview mirror;
5. Operational direction signals;
6. Operational horn;
7. For golf carts, two license plates, one placed upon the front of the golf cart, and one placed on the back of the golf cart, which must be displayed so that the license plate can be read as intended; For all-purpose vehicles, one license plate;
8. The rear license plate must be illuminated so as to make the license plate visible and legible from a distance of at least 50 feet;
9. Windshield made of glass or safety glass;
10. Side mirrors; and
11. Operational seat belts.

SECTION 7. Any golf cart or all-purpose vehicle being driven on or across public streets, roadways, and/or public property pursuant to this Ordinance shall observe all applicable traffic rules.

SECTION 8. Prior to operating a golf cart or all-purpose vehicle on or across public streets, roadways, and/or public property, the owner of the golf cart or all-purpose vehicle must present the golf cart to the Uhrichsville Police Department for inspection. The Chief of Police, or an Officer designated by the Chief shall inspect the golf cart or all-purpose vehicle to ensure its compliance with this Ordinance. After inspection, titling and licensing, the owner shall obtain a validation certificate/sticker from the Uhrichsville Police Department. The validation certificate/sticker shall be carried or displayed at all times by any person operating the golf cart or all-purpose vehicle on or across public streets, roadways, and/or public property. The Uhrichsville Police Department shall keep and maintain a record of all golf carts and all-purpose vehicles inspected.

SECTION 9. After completing the inspection of the golf cart or all-purpose vehicle, the Uhrichsville Police Department shall provide the owner of the golf cart or all-purpose vehicle with a CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION if all required equipment is verified to be in place and operational. This certificate, along with other title evidence, may be presented to the Clerk of Courts Title Office in order to obtain a Certificate of Title for the golf cart or all-purpose vehicle.

SECTION 10. The Uhrichsville Police Department shall charge an inspection fee of \$25.00 for each inspection of a golf cart or all-purpose vehicle.

SECTION 11. The inspection conducted by the Uhrichsville Police Department is not intended to be a safety inspection, but rather an inspection to solely determine if the golf cart or all-purpose vehicle is equipped with all of the equipment required in Section 6 above. As such, neither the City of Uhrichsville, Ohio nor the Uhrichsville Police Department assume any responsibility for the functioning capacity and/or road-worthiness condition of each golf cart and all-purpose vehicle so inspected. As such, neither the City of Uhrichsville, Ohio nor the Uhrichsville Police Department, through the inspection process, make any representation or warranty as to the functioning capacity and/or road-worthiness condition of each golf cart and all-purpose vehicle so inspected.

SECTION 12. A golf cart or all-purpose vehicle, once properly licensed, may be operated on or across the streets or roadways located within the territorial limits of the City of Uhrichsville, Ohio.

SECTION 13. No person shall operate a golf cart or all-purpose vehicle on a public sidewalk or other walking path.

SECTION 14. A person operating a golf cart or all-purpose vehicle within the territorial limits of the City of Uhrichsville, Ohio shall ensure that the headlights of the golf cart or all-purpose vehicle are illuminated at all times of operation of the golf cart or all-purpose vehicle.

SECTION 15. Any person convicted of a violation of this Ordinance is guilty of a minor misdemeanor upon a first offense, and shall be fined not more than \$150.00. Each offense thereafter shall be deemed a misdemeanor of the fourth degree, and shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$250.00.

SECTION 16. This Ordinance shall become effective at the earliest time permitted by Ohio law.

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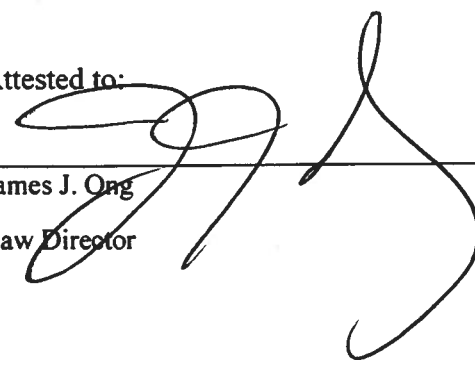
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