

ORDINANCE 54-35

AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE USE AND OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS AND WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE, OHIO, AND RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 22-20

WHEREAS, the use of golf carts 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 on the streets of the City of Uhrichsville, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the use of golf carts 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 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. Ordinance No. 22-20 is hereby rescinded in total.
- SECTION 3. Any person driving a golf 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 is operated on or across the public streets, roadways and/or public property, the owner of the golf cart must carry liability insurance coverage comparable to that required under Ohio law for motor vehicles.
- SECTION 5. When driving a golf cart on or across public streets, roadways, and/or public property, the operator of the golf cart must carry proof of such insurance.
- SECTION 6. If the golf cart is to be driven on or across public streets, roadways, and/or public property, the golf cart 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. A license plate placed on the back of the golf cart, which must be displayed so that the license plate can be read as intended;
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 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 on or across public streets, roadways, and/or public property, the owner of the golf cart 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 to ensure its compliance with this Ordinance. The Uhrichsville Police Department shall keep and maintain a record of all golf carts inspected.
- SECTION 9. After completing the inspection of the golf cart, the Uhrichsville Police Department shall provide the owner of the golf cart 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.
- SECTION 10. The Uhrichsville Police Department shall charge an inspection fee of \$25.00 for each inspection of a golf cart.
- SECTION 11. The Uhrichsville Police Department may only inspect golf carts owned by residents of the City of Uhrichsville.
- SECTION 12. 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 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 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 so inspected.

SECTION 13. A golf cart, once properly licensed, may be operated on or across the streets or roadways located within the territorial limits of the City of Uhrichsville, Ohio, except that no person shall operate a golf cart on any State Highway or County Road located in the territorial limits of the City of Uhrichsville.

SECTION 14. No person shall operate a golf cart on a public sidewalk or other walking path.

SECTION 15. A person operating a golf cart within the territorial limits of the City of Uhrichsville, Ohio shall ensure that the headlights of the golf cart are illuminated at all times of operation of the golf cart

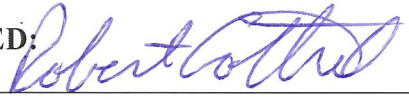
SECTION 16. Any person convicted of a violation of this Ordinance is guilty of a minor misdemeanor upon a first offense, and shall be fined not more than \$150.00. Each offense thereafter shall be deemed a misdemeanor of the fourth degree, and shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$250.00.

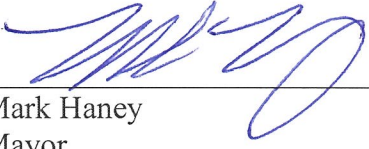
SECTION 17. This Ordinance shall become effective at the earliest time permitted by Ohio law.

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President of Council

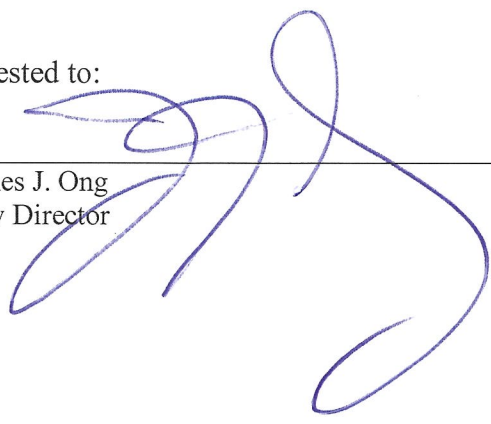

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