

VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE: 11 – 19

PASSED: _____

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 377 ENTITLED “GOLF CARTS” TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF OBETZ

WHEREAS, Section 4511.215 of the Ohio Revised Code grants municipalities the authority to regulate by ordinance the operation of low-speed or under-speed vehicles on public streets or highways under its jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS, golf carts are classified as low speed or under speed vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, rules are necessary to ensure the safe and lawful use of golf carts upon Village streets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF OBETZ, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. Chapter 377 entitled Golf Carts is hereby added to the Codified Ordinances and shall read:

377.01 DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

- (a) “Vehicle” has the same meaning as set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 4501.01(A)
- (b) “Motor Vehicle” has the same meaning as set forth on Ohio Revised Code 4501.01(B)
- (c) “Operator” has the same meaning as set forth in Ohio Revised Code 4501.01(X).
- (d) “Low Speed Vehicle” has the same meaning as set forth in Ohio Revised Code 4501.01(WW).
- (e) “Under Speed Vehicle” has the same meaning as set forth in Ohio Revised Code 4501.01(XX). Golf carts are considered under speed vehicles.
- (f) “Street” and “Highway” have the same meanings as set forth in Ohio Revised Code 4501.01(AA).

377.02 INSPECTION REQUIRED.

(a) No person shall operate a golf cart on the streets within Obetz unless the golf cart has first passed an inspection by the Chief of Police or designee for compliance with the State of Ohio’s requirements that are applicable to motor vehicles and such golf cart contains all equipment required by this Ordinance.

(b) A list of equipment required for safe operation in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4513 shall be maintained at the Obetz Police Department and shall include:

- (1) Adequate brakes and braking system;
- (2) Properly working brake lights, head lights, tail lights, and turn signals;
- (3) A properly working steering mechanism;
- (4) A windshield made of glass or safety glass;
- (5) A rearview mirror;
- (6) A working horn, audible from not less than 200 feet;
- (7) A child safety seat for any occupant under the age of four or under 40 pounds in weight;
- (8) Front and rear license plates and a license plate light to make the rear plate legible from a distance of 50 feet; and
- (9) Seatbelts for the driver and all passengers.

(c) If the golf cart passes inspection, the Chief of Police shall issue the owner or operator a Certificate of Compliance entitling the owner or operator to operate the golf cart on the streets within the Village of Obetz. The owner or operator shall also show proof of financial responsibility. The Certificate of Compliance is good for two years from the date of issuance. The Chief of Police shall keep a copy of each Certificate issues. A copy of the Certificate shall be kept on the golf cart at all times.

(d) The owner of a golf cart shall also comply with all requirement of Ohio law regarding proper title, registration and license plates prior to operating a golf cart on any Village street.

377.03 USAGE AND RESTRICTIONS

(a) No golf carts shall be permitted to travel on any Village street where the speed limit is greater than 25 miles per hour.

(b) This section does not prohibit a person from proceeding across an intersection of a street provided the speed limit on the street that will be crossed is no greater than 35 miles per hour and at no time shall golf carts be permitted to cross Alum Creek Drive or Groveport Road.

(c) Occupants of golf carts shall be seated at all times on the seat of the golf cart buckled by the seat belt when the golf cart is on and in motion. Standing on any portion of the golf cart while it is in motion is prohibited.

(d) No person shall operate a golf cart on sidewalks or bike paths.

(e) Operator must hold a valid, current motor vehicle driver's license.

- (f) Golf carts are the only low speed or under speed vehicles permitted to operate on Village streets provided the requirements of this Chapter are met.

377.04 PENALTY

Whoever violates this Chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this Chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this Chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2019.

ATTESTS:

Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council

D. Greg Scott, Mayor

Robert Kramer, Council Pres. Pro-Tem

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Stephen J. Smith, Esq., Law Director

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CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

Pursuant to the Village Charter, I, Stacey E. Boumis, Clerk of Council of the Village of Obetz, Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance _____ was duly posted at _____ (time) on the _____ day of _____, 2019, at the Obetz Government Center, Obetz Athletic Club, and Obetz Community Center as well as on the Obetz website.

Stacey Boumis, Clerk

Date