

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION
OF GOLF CARTS ON ROADWAYS IN THE TOWN
OF ANSON AND REGULATING SUCH OPERATION

THE TOWN OF ANSON TOWN BOARD does hereby ordain as follows:

Section I: Intent.

The Town of Anson, Chippewa County, Wisconsin adopts the following ordinance permitting golf carts to be operated upon Town roadways, pursuant to the authority granted the Town under § 349.18(1m), Wis. Stats.

Section II: Definitions.

For purposes of this ordinance, this definition shall apply throughout this ordinance.

GOLF CART: A vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding 20 miles per hour.

Section III: Operation of golf carts allowed; exceptions.

A. Allowed. The operation of golf carts on the public streets within the Town in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance shall be permitted.

B. Exceptions. The operation of golf carts is not subject to the provisions of this ordinance under the following circumstances:

(1) The operation of golf carts at golf courses, private clubs or on private property, with the consent of the owner; or

(2) The use of a golf cart in connection with a parade, a festival or other special event, provided the consent of the sponsor and the Town Board is obtained and provided such vehicle is only used during such event.

Section IV: License required.

No person who does not have 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 Town. 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of this section, a learner's permit shall not be considered as a valid driver's license nor shall any license that has been revoked, temporary or otherwise, or suspended for any reason, be considered as a valid driver's license during the period of suspension or revocation.

Section V: Registration.

- A.** The golf cart must be equipped with a rear vision mirror and at least two red rear reflectors at least three inches in height and width.
- B.** The golf cart must be equipped with a reflective "slow moving" sign or "flag" on the rear of the cart.
- C.** The brakes provided by the manufacturer of the golf cart must be in proper working order.
- D.** The golf cart must have all of the standard safety features provided by the manufacturer and has not been modified to exceed a speed of 20 miles per hour, nor otherwise modified in any way that creates a hazard.
- E.** The golf cart must be equipped with all mechanical systems and safety equipment required by this chapter.
- F.** Disqualified vehicles. ATVs, four-wheel utility vehicles and other similar utility vehicles which are not manufactured for operation on a golf course and golf carts which have been modified so that it no longer meets the definition of a golf cart may not be registered as a golf cart nor shall such vehicles be operated on the public roads within the Town unless such vehicles are otherwise registered with and allowed under the motor vehicle laws of the State of Wisconsin.

Section VI: Manner of operation.

Golf carts shall not be operated on the public streets of the Town, except in full compliance with the provisions of this section.

- A.** Hours of operation. Golf carts may be driven on approved public streets from sunrise until sunset, except that golf carts equipped with at least one operating headlight, having at least a fifty-five-watt halogen, or equal, bulb on the front of the golf cart, and two operating tail lights on either side of the rear of the golf cart, all of which are visible for a distance of not less than 250 feet, may be operated from one half hour before sunrise until one half hour after sunset. Golf carts may not be operated when fog, smog, smoke or other conditions reduce visibility so that the golf cart is not visible for a distance of 250 feet.
- B.** Restricted operation. Pursuant to §349.18(1m)(c), Wis. Stats., golf carts may not be operated on or across any state trunk highway or connecting highway. Pursuant to §349.18(1m)(a) golf carts may only be operated on roadways that have a speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less and that are located within the territorial boundaries of the Town of Anson.
- C.** Motor vehicle laws. All laws regarding the use of motor vehicles in the State of Wisconsin and all ordinances regarding the use of motor vehicles in the Town, not inconsistent therewith, shall be observed, except that no golf cart may be operated at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour.
- D.** Right-of-way. The operator of a golf cart shall yield the right-of-way to overtaking motor vehicles.
- E.** Town property and sidewalks. Golf carts shall not be operated on any sidewalk, pedestrian walkway, jogging path, greenway, park, or trail except for official police business. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, golf carts shall not be operated on

property owned or leased by the Town except with the express written consent of the Town Board and upon the terms and conditions as may be set forth in such written permission.

F. Golf cart capacity. The seating capacity (normally no more than four passengers) shall not be exceeded nor shall the operator or any passenger be permitted to stand while the golf cart is in operation.

G. Parking. Golf carts may only be parked in the same manner and at the same places designated for the parking of motor vehicles. The stopping, standing or parking of golf carts in areas where parking is not allowed, or in any place that impedes the flow of traffic, pedestrian walkways or a passageway is prohibited.

H. Towing. Golf carts may not be used for the purpose of towing another cart, trailer or vehicle of any kind including a person on roller skates, skateboard or bicycle.

Section VII Disclaimer and liability.

A. Disclaimer. Golf carts are not designed for nor manufactured to be used on public streets and the Town neither advocates nor endorses the golf cart as a safe means of travel on public streets, roads and highways. The Town in no way shall be liable for accidents, injuries or death involving the operation of golf carts.

B. Assumption of risk. Any person who owns, operates or rides upon a golf cart on a public street, road or highway within the Town does so at his or her own risk and peril and assumes all liability resulting from the operation of the golf cart.

C. The owner of the golf cart must provide a Certificate of Insurance listing company, policy term and minimum limits of liability of \$100,000 per person, \$300,000 per accident, and \$5,000 medical before a permit will be issued.

Section IIX: Violations and penalties.

Any person violating this ordinance shall be subject to a forfeiture not exceeding \$500.00 plus any applicable court costs and fees.

Section IX: Severability.

If any section, clause, provision or portion of this ordinance or any underlying statute or administrative code section adopted by reference herein is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

Section X: Effective Date.

This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.

DATED this 14th day of November, 2019.

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

APPROVED: Gary F. Lezarz
Gary F. Lezarz, Town Chairman

ATTEST: Jennifer Jensen
Jennifer Jensen, Town Clerk

READINGS: 11/14/19

Affidavit of Posting

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Anson Town Board, Chippewa County, Wisconsin, at a legal meeting on the 14th day of November, 2019, and was posted at the Anson Town Hall and also on the Town's website (www.thetownofanson.com) on the 18th day of November, 2019.

Jennifer Jensen
Jennifer Jensen, Clerk