

TOWN OF PRINCETON

GOLF CART ORDINANCE (EXPANDED)

WHEREAS WI Stats §349.18(1m)(a) allows for a municipality to adopt an ordinance allowing the operation of golf carts on any highway that has a speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less and that is 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;

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Princeton has been presented with a petition from property owners from the Community seeking the right to operate golf carts on Town roads, and;

NOW THEREFORE the Town Board of the Town of Princeton does ordain as follows:

Section One: Definitions

1. The term “golf cart” means a vehicle whose speed attainable in one mile does not exceed 20 miles per hour on a paved, level surface and that is designed and intended to convey one or more persons and equipment to play the game of golf in an area designated as a golf course. Said “golf cart” may feature modification to allow extra seating in the area originally designed to carry equipment to play the game of golf.
2. The term “highway” is defined as any Town road located in the areas known as Green Lake Terrace and inclusive of areas bordered by Highway 73 on the West, County K to the South, South Lakeshore Drive and Nelson Road to their respective ends, approximately 3 blocks past Swanson’s Road on the North, and Green Lake to the East. Also, Orchard Avenue, Beyers Cove Road, N. Lakeshore Drive and East Court. No carts to be operated on County K or Highway 73.

Section Two: Use of Golf Carts upon designated highways that have a speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less.

A. Restrictions

1. The following restrictions shall apply to operation of golf carts on the aforementioned designated highways:
 - a. No persons shall operate a golf cart on designated highways within the Town of Princeton without a valid driver’s license issued in his or her state.
 - b. All golf carts operated under this Ordinance shall be restricted to a maximum speed of 20 miles per hour.
 - c. All golf carts operating subject to this Ordinance must be equipped with adequate functioning brakes, reliable and accurate steering apparatus, safe and proper tires, rearview mirror, slow moving vehicle sign, red reflectors/or tape

on front and rear bumpers, proper registration and visible registration number at all times while operated on designated highways.

d. No person shall operate a golf cart on a designated highway without displaying a lighted headlight and taillight during darkness and said lights must conform to the requirements of this ordinance. Headlights shall be of a white or clear light and must be capable of illuminating the road ahead during hours of darkness and be observed at a distance of five hundred feet (500'). Headlight must be properly adjusted, as not to interfere with the operation of other vehicles on the highway. Taillights shall be red in color and be observed to a distance of five hundred feet (500') at night.

B. Violations and Penalties

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

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

C. Posted Signs

1. The Town of Princeton shall post signs along the designated highways where golf cart operation is allowed advising motorists of the possible presence of golf cart traffic and alerting the public that the operation of such golf carts is subject to the various requirements of this Ordinance.

Section Three: Registration

1. All golf carts intended to be operated on designated highways shall be first registered with the Town Clerk, and the owner shall pay a registration fee of \$50.00 and display the registration number on the golf cart. An owner must show proof of liability insurance insuring the golf cart that meets Wisconsin's minimum liability insurance coverage requirements. If no such proof is provided, the owner shall not be permitted to operate the golf cart on Town highways. Such insurance shall be in force and effective at any time the golf cart is operated on a highway.

Section Four: Effective Date

1. This Ordinance shall take effect after published in the newspaper.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2021.

Town of Princeton by

/s/Allan Weckwerth, Chairman

/s/ Jill Bartol, Clerk