

**ORDINANCE NO. 10-17**

**AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE USE AND OPERATION OF  
GOLF CARTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF VERSAILLES, OHIO**

**WHEREAS**, the use of golf carts as a means of alternative transportation has increased in recent years; and

**WHEREAS**, to provide for the safe and lawful use of golf carts upon the Village streets, this Council is of the opinion of the need to adopt rules governing the use and operation of golf carts;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Council of the Village of Versailles, Ohio:

**SECTION ONE:** That the Village of Versailles hereby enacts the following applicable to the operation and use of golf carts within the Village.

- A. Definition: A “golf cart” is a motor vehicle as the term is defined under O.R.C. 4501.01(B).
- B. Equipment: In addition to any rules or regulations promulgated by the Ohio Director of Public Safety, pursuant to O.R.C. Chapter 4511 and O.R.C. Chapter 4513, equipment of the golf cart shall include, but not necessarily be limited to requirements for the following items of equipment; all to be in working order during operation:
  - a. Two headlights having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to reveal persons and objects at a distance at least 100 feet ahead under normal atmospheric conditions during hours of darkness.
  - b. Two red tail lights having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to be plainly visible from a distance at least 500 feet to the rear under normal atmospheric conditions during hours of darkness.
  - c. Must have directional signals.
  - d. Must have left side rear view mirror and a rear view mirror.
  - e. Must have a white light illuminating the rear license plate.
  - f. Must have a horn.
  - g. Must have a windshield made of glass or safety glass.
  - h. Must have two license plates; one in the front and one in the rear; bracketed to the cart.
  - i. Must have brake lights.
  - j. Must have one seat belt per occupant.
  - k. Must have a child safety seat for any occupant under the age of four (4) or under forty (40) pounds in weight.
- C. Licensing Requirements of Operator:
  - a. No person who is less than 16 years of age shall operate a golf cart.
  - b. The person must hold a valid current motor vehicle driver’s license.

- D. Inspection: No person shall operate a golf cart on the streets within the Village unless the golf cart has been inspected for compliance with the State of Ohio statutory requirements that are applicable to motor vehicles and the Codified Ordinances of the Village entitling the owner or operator to secure a title and license for the golf cart.
- E. Insurance: The owner of the golf cart shall provide proof of insurance at the time of inspection.
- F. Operation:
- a. A person shall operate the golf cart on public streets within the Village; obeying all traffic rules applicable to vehicles, except that no person shall operate a golf cart on any State Highway except to cross at an intersection to traverse to a different Village street or to access the closest local street or alleyway.
  - b. 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.
  - c. A person shall not operate the golf cart on sidewalks.
- G. Limitation: The provisions of this ordinance may be waived during limited period of special events for which the operators of said golf carts have received prior approval for the use of golf carts from the Village Police Chief.
- H. Penalty: That anyone who violates this ordinance shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of an offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or plead guilty to a previous violation of this ordinance, whoever violates this ordinance 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 prior violations of this ordinance, whoever violates this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

**SECTION TWO:** That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest date permitted by law.

**PASSED**, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2010.

Jeffry A. Subler  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Ann Gump  
Fiscal Officer

APPROVED:

Thomas L. Guillozet  
Village Attorney