

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-13

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS WITHIN THE
CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, INDIANA

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 9-21-1-3.3 authorizes cities to adopt by ordinance traffic regulations concerning the use of golf carts on streets or highways under the jurisdiction of the City pursuant to the provisions of said Section; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Princeton, Indiana has determined it is in the best interests of the its citizens that golf carts be authorized to use public streets and alleys within the City of Princeton corporate limits under certain regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Princeton, Indiana as follows:

SECTION 1: For purposed of this Ordinance, a “golf cart” shall have the definition as set forth in Indiana Code 9-13-2-69.7, the same being a four (4) wheeled motor vehicle originally and specifically designed and intended to transport one (1) or more individuals and golf clubs for the purpose of playing the game of golf on a golf course.

The term does not include a motorcycle, a motor scooter, a motorized bicycle or an off road vehicle.

SECTION 2: The operation of golf carts within the corporate limits of the City of Princeton, Indiana is expressly prohibited except insofar as such golf carts are registered, equipped and operated in full compliance with this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: The owners or lessees of golf carts must register said vehicle annually with the City of Princeton of each year, and an annual inspection fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50) shall be paid to the Princeton Police Department who, after inspection by the Princeton Police Department verifying the golf cart is insured and equipped as set forth in the Ordinance, shall issue a Certificate of Registration and numerical tag which shall be permanently attached to and displayed on the golf cart. The Certificate of Registration must be in the golf cart or in possession of the person operating the golf cart at all times it is in operation on the streets or alleys of the City of Princeton.

SECTION 4: Only persons holding a valid motor vehicle driver’s license bearing a photograph verifying the identity and age of the operator may operate golf carts within the City of Princeton. Violation of this section shall have the golf cart impounded and a fine of \$250 shall be paid by the owner.

SECTION 5: The owner or lessee of any golf cart must be covered by liability insurance coverage in an amount not less than that provided by Indiana statutes for motor vehicles operated on public thoroughfares in the State of Indiana. Proof of such liability insurance coverage must

be available on the golf cart or carried by the operator of the golf cart at all times the golf cart is operated on the streets or alleys of the City of Princeton.

SECTION 6: Two (2) operating headlights (one on each side of the front of the golf cart); and taillights (one on each side of the rear of the golf cart), visible from a distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet shall be required to be in use from dusk until dawn and as weather conditions warrant; brake lights (one on each side of the rear of the golf cart) which shall be visible from a distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet; slow moving vehicle placard; rear view mirror; and child restraint when appropriate.

SECTION 7: Golf carts may be operated only on streets or alleys within the City of Princeton on which the speed limit is thirty five (35) MPH miles per hour or less. Golf carts are prohibited from being operated in an easterly and westerly direction on Broadway Street/Indiana State Highway 64. Golf carts may cross Broadway Street/Indiana State Highway 64 in a northerly and southerly direction.

SECTION 8: Golf carts must have a maximum speed of thirty-five (35) MPH. Golf carts must yield to other vehicles and are not to impede the flow of traffic.

SECTION 9: Occupants of a golf cart shall be limited to the number of persons for whom factory seating is installed in the golf cart. Occupants, including the operator, shall be seated in the golf cart and no part of the person of the operator or occupant shall extend outside the perimeter of the golf cart while in operation.

SECTION 10: All golf carts and the operation thereof shall be subject to all traffic rules, in addition to the requirements set forth herein, as required by Indiana statutes governing the operation of motor vehicles, including the use of seat belts by all occupants.

SECTION 11: The owner or lessee of a golf cart who applies for a permit to operate the golf cart within the City of Princeton shall be responsible, jointly and severally, with any person who is permitted to operate the golf cart, for any injury or damages caused by the operation of the golf cart if such operator is liable for such damages.

SECTION 12: Violation of any provision of the Ordinance shall constitute a violation of the Princeton City Code. An owner, lessee or operator may be cited to appear before the Princeton Board of Public Works & Safety by the issuance of an Indiana Uniform Traffic Ticket. Upon a finding by the Princeton Board of Public Works & Safety that the owner, lessee or operator of a golf cart has violated any provision or provisions of this Ordinance, such person shall be subject to a fine not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for the second offense, and in addition the Certificate of Registration may be subject to suspension or revocation. In the event an owner, lessee or operator has two (2) or more offenses constituting violations of this Ordinance occurring within one (1) year, the permit to operate the golf cart shall be revoked and may not be reissued for an additional one (1) year.

SECTION 13: In the event any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect until repealed or modified by the Common Council of the City of Princeton, Indiana or otherwise determined by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

SECTION 14: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its publication as by law required.

SECTION 15: The definition of golf cart shall become a part of Princeton City Code Section 13-1, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be new Section 13-30 of the Princeton City Code.

SECTION 16: (a) A person may not drive a golf cart at a slow rate of speed that impedes or blocks the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with the law. A person who is driving: (1) on a roadway that has not more than one (1) lane of traffic in each direction; and (2) at a slow speed so that three (3) or more other vehicles are blocked and cannot pass on the left around the vehicle; shall give right-of-way to the other vehicles by pulling off to the right of the right lane at the earliest reasonable opportunity and allowing the blocked vehicles to pass. (b) A person who fails to give right-of-way as required by subsection (a) shall be subject to a \$100 fine.

SECTION 17: (a) A person may not operate a golf cart on a highway that has a speed limit in excess of thirty-five (35) MPH. (b) A person who operates a golf cart on a highway that has a speed limit in excess of thirty-five (35) MPH shall be subject to a \$100 fine.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Princeton, Indiana on this 16 day of May, 2016.




Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



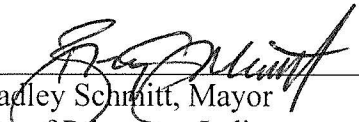
Mindy Brines
Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Princeton on the 16 day of May, 2016, at the hour of 6:11.



Clerk-Treasurer

This Ordinance approved and signed by this 16 day of May, 2016, at the hour of 6:11.



Bradley Schmitt, Mayor
City of Princeton, Indiana

ATTEST:



Mindy Brines
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