

## **ORDINANCE**

(Troup County Ordinance No.: \_\_\_\_\_)

### **An Ordinance to amend Chapter 74 of the Troup County Code so as to provide for lawful golf cart crossing zones; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.**

The Board of Commissioners of Troup County do hereby ordain as follows:

#### **SECTION I**

Pursuant to Section 40-6-331 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated providing for local control of use of motorized carts crossing roads and highways, with respect to roadways under local jurisdiction, Chapter 74 (Traffic) is hereby amended by the insertion of Section 74.8:

#### **74.8 Golf Cart Crossing Zones**

(a) Definitions.

- (1) Golf Cart. For the purposes of this section, golf cart means any motorized vehicle designed for the purpose and exclusive use of conveying one or more persons and equipment to play the game of golf in an area designated as a golf course. Its average speed shall be less than 15 miles per hour and shall not have an attainable speed greater than 20 MPH.
  - i. A golf cart is not a personal terrain vehicle (PTV) or All-Terrain (ATV) vehicle as defined in O.C.G.A. 40-1-1(43.1) (A).
- (2) Low Speed Vehicle. For the purposes of the section, low speed vehicle means any four-wheeled electric vehicle whose top speed attainable in one mile is greater than 20 miles per hour but not greater than 25 miles per hour on a paved level surface and which is manufactured in compliance with those federal motor vehicle safety standards for low-speed vehicles set forth in 49 C.F.R. Section 571.500 .
- (3) Operator. For the purpose of this section, operator means any person who is at least 16 years of age and is licensed as a driver.
- (4) Daytime hours. For the purposes of the section, daytime hours means those hours between one-half hour before sunrise and one-half hour after sunset.
- (5) Golf Cart Crossing Zone. Golf cart crossing zones are locations which are described as segments of those portions of the public streets and rights-of-way located within the jurisdictional boundaries of Troup County, as they exist now or as may be hereinafter amended, having a speed limit of 45 miles per hour or less, and where the road is adjacent or within proximate distance to a K-12 educational facility/school property boundary. In said locations golf carts and low speed vehicles may be permitted to legally cross said county roads.

(b) Location

- (1) The Troup County Engineer shall designate the Golf Cart Crossing Zones per Section 74.6 of this chapter and in accordance with Section 40-6-331 of the Official Code of Georgia annotated.
- (2) Golf Cart Crossing Zones are only effective where county approved signs give notice of the use.
- (3) Golf Cart Crossing Zones shall be located within a segment of roadway with posted speed limits for schools.
- (4) Roadway within the Golf Cart Crossing zone shall be adjacent or within proximate distance to K-12 educational facility.

(c) Permitted Use and Operation

- (1) In designated Golf Cart Crossing Zones, golf carts and low-speed vehicles are authorized to cross county roads during daytime hours for the purpose of official school business.
- (2) Any person operating a golf cart or low speed vehicle within a golf cart crossing zone shall be licensed as a driver.
- (3) Any person operating a golf cart or low speed vehicle shall not transport more passengers than the manufacturer's designed seating capacity.
- (4) Operators shall observe all federal, state and local traffic regulations.
- (5) All occupants shall be seated during the operation, and use of seat belts shall be mandatory while the golf cart or low speed vehicle is operated in the golf cart crossing zone
- (6) The golf cart or low speed vehicle shall have one red safety flag mounted on the rear of the golf cart which extends at least five feet above the surface of the street.

(d) Prohibited

- (1) The use of golf carts and low speed vehicles shall be prohibited on all county roads and sidewalks that are not within the posted golf cart crossing zone.

**SECTION II**

All resolutions, ordinances or parts of resolutions or ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION III**

This Ordinance is adopted in the manner provided by law by the Troup County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held this 1st day of August, 2023, and shall be effective immediately.

TROUP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Patrick Crews, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Valerie West, Clerk

**Clerk's Record of Commission Vote**

Ellis Cadenhead, Troup County Commissioner, District 2	Yea <input type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Lewis Davis, Jr., Troup County Commissioner, District 3	Yea <input type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Morris Jones, Troup County Commissioner, District 4	Yea <input type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Jimmy D. McCamey, Jr. Troup County Commissioner, District 5	Yea <input type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick Crews, Troup County Commission Chairman (District 1) *	Yea <input type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>

\* Chairman not required to vote except to break a tie.

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Valerie West, Troup County Clerk