

CITY OF LUDINGTON  
MASON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**ORDINANCE NO. 311-15**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 58, ARTICLE V  
OF THE LUDINGTON CITY CODE TO  
AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS  
ON CERTAIN CITY STREETS PURSUANT TO MCL 257.657a; TO PROVIDE  
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF  
AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH**

**THE CITY OF LUDINGTON ORDAINS:**

**Section 1.** Chapter 58, Article V is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 58-176. Operation of golf carts on city streets.**

A person may operate a golf cart on city streets, subject to the following restrictions:

- (a) A person shall not operate a golf cart unless he or she is at least 16 years old and licensed to operate a motor vehicle.
- (b) The operator of a golf cart shall comply with the signal requirements of MCL 257.648 that apply to the operation of a vehicle.
- (c) A person operating a golf cart upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.
- (d) A person shall not operate a golf cart on a state trunk line highway (including Ludington Avenue, South James Street, and North Lakeshore Drive). This subsection does not prohibit a person from crossing a state trunk line highway when operating a golf cart on a city street, using the most direct line of crossing.
- (e) Where a usable and designated path for golf carts is provided adjacent to a highway or street, a person operating a golf cart shall be required to use that path.
- (f) A person operating a golf cart shall not pass between lines of traffic, but may pass on the left of traffic moving in his or her direction in the case of a two-way street or on the left or right of traffic in the case of a one-way street, in an unoccupied lane.
- (g) A golf cart shall not be operated on a sidewalk constructed for the use of pedestrians or on or across a cemetery or burial ground.

- (h) A golf cart shall be operated at a speed not to exceed 15 miles per hour and shall not be operated on a highway or street with a speed limit of more than 30 miles per hour except to cross that highway or street.
- (i) A golf cart shall not be operated on city streets during the time period from one-half (1/2) hour before sunset to one-half (1/2) hour after sunrise.
- (j) A person operating a golf cart or who is a passenger in a golf cart is not required to wear a crash helmet.
- (k) This ordinance does not apply to a police officer in the performance of his or her official duties.
- (l) A golf cart operated on a city street under this ordinance is not required to be registered under the Michigan Vehicle Code for purposes of section 3101 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3101.
- (m) As used in this ordinance, “golf cart” means a vehicle designed for transportation while playing the game of golf. A golf cart is not required to meet the vehicle safety requirements of a low-speed vehicle for approval under this ordinance.
- (n) All golf carts intended for street use shall be registered and the owners or operators of those golf carts shall register such golf carts prior to operating the same on any city street, at no cost, with the Ludington Police Department and receive a registration sticker. The registration sticker must be affixed in plain view on the back of the golf cart at all times it is operated on city streets.
- (o) Violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be penalized as a civil infraction

**Section 2.** All ordinances and/or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 3.** This ordinance can be repealed or modified at any time, has a sunset provision, and is not effective one (1) year after enactment unless reauthorized by ordinance of City Council.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall be effective twenty (20) days after its adoption and publication as provided in Section 7.2 of the City of Ludington Charter.

MADE, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUDINGTON, MASON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

ENACTMENT DATE: \_\_\_\_\_