

ORDINANCE 18-22

AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE USE AND OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW MADISON, DARKE COUNTY, OHIO

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

WHEREAS, to provide for the safe and lawful use of golf carts upon the Village streets, the council of the Village of New Madison deems it necessary to adopt rules governing the use and operation of golf carts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW MADISON, OHIO, as follows:

Section One: The Village of New Madison 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, the following items of equipment, all to be in working order during operation as required below:
 - 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 taillights 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 brake lights.
 - i. Must have one seat belt per occupant.
 - j. Must have a child safety seat for any occupant under the age of four (4) or under forty (40) pounds in weight.
 - k. Must have two license plates; one in the front and one in the rear; bracketed to the cart.
- C. Licensing Requirements of Operator:
- a. No person who is less than 16 years of age shall operate a golf cart.
 - b. The operator must hold a valid current motor vehicles driver's license.
- D. Inspection: No person shall operate a golf cart on the streets within the Village of New Madison, Ohio 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 the proper 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 of New Madison 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. Penalty: Whoever violates the provisions of this Chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense. On a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; and

for subsequent offenses within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Fiscal Officer

APPROVED by the Mayor this
_____ day of _____, 2018.

Mayor