

TOWN OF GREEN LAKE

ORDINANCE 2015-1

WHEREAS WI Stats §349.18(1m)(a) allows for a municipality to adopt an ordinance allowing the operation of golf cars on any highway that has a speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less and that is located within the territorial boundaries of the municipality, and;

WHEREAS WI Stats §349.18(1m)(d) allows for an ordinance under §349.18(1m)(a) to include a definition of the term "golf cart". And;

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Green Lake has been presented with a petition from property owners from Lakewood Estates Property Owner's Association, White Sails Property Owner's Association & Greenwyk Property Owner's Association seeking the right to operate golf carts on Town roads within these property owner association, and;

NOW THEREFORE the Town Board of the Town of Green Lake does ordain as follows:

Section One: Definitions

1. The term "golf cart" means a vehicle whose speed attainable in one mile does not exceed 20 miles per hour on a paved, level surface and that is designed and intended to convey one or more persons and equipment to play the game of golf in an area designated as a golf course. Said "golf cart" may feature modification to allow extra seating in the area originally designed to carry equipment to play the game of golf.
2. The term "highway" is defined as any Town road located in the area bounded by Blackbird Point Road and Blackbird Point Lane on the west, Kahl road on the south and Camp Grow on the east; and to include Sandstone Ave including White circle from Horner Rd to the west, and Spring Grove road from Cty rd A west to Horner road.

Section Two: Use of Golf Carts upon designated highways that have a speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less.

A. Restrictions

1. The following restrictions shall apply to operation of golf carts on the aforementioned designated highways:
 - a. No persons shall operate a golf cart on designated highways within the Town of Green Lake without a valid driver's license issued in his or her state.
 - b. All golf carts operated under this Ordinance shall be restricted to a maximum speed of 20 miles per hour.
 - c. All golf carts operating subject to this Ordinance must be equipped with adequate functioning brakes, reliable and accurate steering apparatus, safe and proper tires, rearview mirror, slow moving vehicle sign, red reflectors/or tap[e on front and rear bumpers, proper registration and visible registration number at all times while operated on designated highways.
 - d. Golf Carts may only be operated on the designated highways during the hours between sunrise and sunset.

B. Violations and Penalties

1. Violations of this section shall constitute a non-criminal infraction enforceable by all duly authorized law enforcement officers of Green Lake County or the Wisconsin State Patrol.
2. Penalty. Violators of this section shall be fined not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$250.00 and possible loss of the right to operate a golf cart on designated highways.

C. Posted Signs

1. The Town of Green Lake shall post signs along the designated highways where golf cart operation is allowed advising motorists of the possible presence of golf cart traffic and alerting the public that the operation of such golf carts is subject to the various requirements of this Ordinance.

Section Three: Registration

1. All golf carts intended to be operated on designated highways shall be first registered with the Town Clerk, a registration fee of \$100.00 initially and \$30.00 renewal annually, and proper display of the registration number on the golf cart.

Section Four: Effective Date

1. This Ordinance shall take effect April 1, 2015.

Dated this 5th day of January 2015.

Town of Green Lake by:

Ben Moderow, Chairman

Jennifer Pollesch, Clerk