

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-14

INTRODUCED BY: Sarah White, Village Council  
Member

AN ORDINANCE LEGALIZING THE USE OF GOLF CART VEHICLES  
ON PUBLIC STREETS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF SEVEN MILE,  
OHIO

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Seven Mile, Ohio has had discussion regarding legalizing the use of golf cart vehicles on public streets within the Village of Seven Mile, Ohio.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Seven Mile, Ohio desires to implement a registration process, which requires a nominal administrative fee. The cost for this process is \$50.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Seven Mile, County of Butler, State of Ohio:

Section 1. The operation of golf cart vehicles on village streets shall be regulated as follows:

- (a) "Golf cart" is a motor vehicle as that term is defined under Ohio R.C. 4501.01(B).
- (b) "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as set forth in Ohio R.C. 4501.01(B).
- (c) "Operator" has the same meaning as set forth in Ohio R.C. 4501.01 (X).
- (d) "Vehicle" has the same meaning as set forth in Ohio R.C. 4501.01 (A).

**Inspection of Golf Carts**

- (a) No person shall operate a golf cart on the streets within the Village unless it has been inspected and approved by the Chief of Police, or his designee or by another agent designated and approved by the State of Ohio, for compliance with the applicable safety/equipment requirements of the State of Ohio relative to motor vehicles. For the purposes of this chapter, "golf cart" means a motor vehicle that has not less than three wheels in contact with the ground, that has an unladen weight of less than 1,800 pounds, that is designed to be and is operated at not more than 25 miles per hour and that is designed to carry not more than four persons including the driver.
- (b) If the Chief of Police, or his designee, or another agent designated and approved by the State of Ohio, determines that the golf cart complies with the State of Ohio's statutory requirements that are applicable to motor vehicles, the Chief of Police shall issue the owner or operator a certificate of compliance entitling the owner or operator to operate the golf cart on certain streets within the Village. The owner or operator shall also show the Chief of Police or designee proof of liability insurance for the golf cart before a certificate of compliance is issued. The owner or operator of any golf cart shall be required to pay a fee in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), or as listed in the most recent Fee Schedule for the Village to the Village through the Police Department before the golf cart may be operated on certain streets of the Village. Any certificate issued pursuant to this Section by the Chief of Police expires after 365 days and the Chief of Police will designate the issuing date and expiration date on each certificate. The Chief of Police shall keep a copy of each certificate issued pursuant to this section inside the golf cart to which it pertains. The Chief of Police shall issue a sticker or other similar device to the owner of each golf cart once it is inspected. The sticker shall signify compliance with this section and the expiration of the current inspection period. The owner of each golf cart shall display the sticker in a conspicuous place on the rear of the golf cart.
- (c) The owner of a golf cart shall also comply with all requirements of Ohio law regarding proper title, registration and license plates prior to operating a golf cart on certain streets within the Village. Compliance with this section shall be in addition to, rather than in lieu of, any applicable provisions of State law relative to the operation of motor vehicles.

**Usage and Restrictions**

- (a) No golf carts shall be permitted to travel on any Village street where the speed limit is

greater than 25 mph. Golf carts will be permitted to cross intersections with higher speeds, so long as they remain on a street that has a speed limit of 25 mph or less.

(b) The operator of a golf cart must be at least 16 years of age and have a valid driver's license.

(c) Any child who falls under the child restraint criteria set by Ohio R.C. 4511.81 is prohibited from being a passenger in a golf cart operated on any Village street, right-of-way or public area in the Village. That specifically includes children who are up to four years old and less than 40 pounds who are required to be in a child safety seat or any child who is eight years old or less and under four feet, nine inches in height who are required to be in a booster seat.

(d) Golf carts must be operated in accord with all State of Ohio traffic laws in addition to all applicable sections of the Village of Seven Mile Ordinances.

(e) Village owned low speed and under speed vehicles being used to perform village maintenance or related work are exempt from this Chapter.

(f) Emergency Support Utility Vehicles equipped with lights and sirens are exempt from this Chapter.

Section 2. That any violation of this ordinance shall be a minor misdemeanor.

Section 3. If any section, subsection or clause of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses shall not be affected.

Section 4. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance have been taken at open meetings of this Council; and that deliberations of this Council and of its committees, resulting in such formal actions, took place in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all statutory requirements including the requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law after its passage.

First Reading: 6/10/2024  
 Second Reading: 7/8/2024  
 Third Reading: 9/9/2024  
 PASSED: 9/9/2024

Vote of Council

David Martin	<u>YEA</u>
Sarah White	<u>YEA</u>
Lara Askill	<u>YEA</u>
Jennifer Miller	<u>        </u>
Billy Fox	<u>YEA</u>
Todd Fryman	<u>        </u>

Signature: Melissa Mick  
 Melissa Mick, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Signature: Kyle M. Rapiere  
 KYLE M. RAPIER  
 Director of Law

Signature: Garrett Kerr  
 Garrett Kerr  
 Clerk of Council