

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-12-01-C

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR
THE REGULATION OF GOLF CARTS**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of LaGrange, Indiana (hereinafter "Town") finds that there has been an increase in the use of golf carts in the Town.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of LaGrange, Indiana, has the authority to adopt regulations governing the use of golf carts within the city's corporate limits, and that it would be in the best interests of the Town to establish an ordinance governing the use of golf carts in the Town pursuant to I.C. 9-21-1-3(a)14.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of LaGrange, Indiana as follows:

Section 1. Definitions.

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply, unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

- A. Golf Cart. A vehicle originally designed for operation on a golf course, and powered by a battery or internal combustion motor.
- B. Driver's License. A valid license to operate a motor vehicle issued by Indiana or any other state.
- C. Financial Responsibility. Liability insurance coverage on a golf cart in an amount not less than required by Indiana law for motor vehicles operated on public highways in the State of Indiana.

Section 2. Operation of Golf Cart.

The operation of a golf cart within the Town of LaGrange is strictly prohibited unless the golf cart is operated, insured, and equipped in full compliance with this Ordinance, and the vehicle has displayed a permit issued by the Town of LaGrange.

Section 3. Operator.

Only persons over sixteen (16) years of age and holding a valid driver's license may operate a golf cart upon streets and alleys of the Town of LaGrange.

Section 4. Financial Responsibility.

The operator or owner of a golf cart must show financial responsibility when operating such vehicle upon Town streets and alleys. Written proof of financial responsibility must be available on the golf cart or carried by the operator at all times.

Section 5. Time of Operation.

Golf carts shall not be operated on any Town streets between one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour after sunset and one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour before sunrise, unless the golf cart is equipped with two (2) operating headlights (one on each side of the front of the golf cart), and two operating tail lights. At all times, any vehicle operated pursuant to this Ordinance shall have brake lights and turn signals (one on each side of the rear and front of the vehicle), which are visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet.

Section 6. Place of Operation.

Golf carts may be operated on Town streets, alleys, and parking lots. Such vehicles may not be parked or operated on sidewalks. Such vehicles must be parked in a legal fashion.

Section 7. Occupants.

The number of occupants in a golf cart shall be limited to the number of persons for whom factory seating is installed and provided on the vehicle. The operator and all occupants shall be seated in the golf cart and no parts of the bodies of the operator or any occupant shall extend outside the perimeter of the vehicle while such is being operated.

Section 8. Traffic Rules.

The operator of the golf cart shall comply with all traffic rules and regulations adopted by the State of Indiana and the Town of LaGrange which govern the operation of the motor vehicles.

Section 9. Slow Moving Vehicle Sign.

All golf carts must display on the back of the vehicle a "slow moving vehicle" sign of the same type required under Indiana law.

Section 10. Permit. Each year any vehicle which meets the requirements of this Ordinance must acquire a permit through the Town of LaGrange before operating upon Town Streets. The permit/decal shall be at the cost of \$35.00.

Section 11. Penalty.

A violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall constitute a Class "C" infraction and a violation of the LaGrange Town Code. An owner, lessee, or operator may be cited to appear in a court of competent jurisdiction by issuance of an Indiana Uniform Traffic Ticket. Upon finding by such court that an owner, lessee, or operator of a golf cart has violated any provision of this Ordinance, such person shall be subject to a fine not to exceed Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars for each offense, along with court costs in the amount that same now exists, or may hereafter be determined by ordinance or statute.

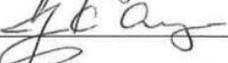
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its promulgation according to law.

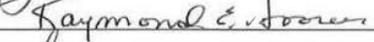
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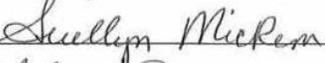
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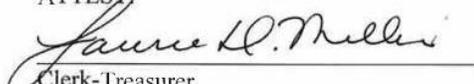










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