

RESOLUTION NO. RES 20230511-01

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW GOLF CARTS ON TOWNSHIP ROADS

WHEREAS, Section 657a of the Michigan Vehicle Code, Act 300 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1949 (the "Vehicle Code"), authorizes townships with a population of fewer than 30,000 individuals, based on the 2010 census, to allow the operation of golf carts on township roads by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Blue Lake Township, Muskegon County (the "Township"), still has a population of fewer than 30,000 individuals based on the 2020 census; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to permit the operation of golf carts on its streets in accordance with the provisions of MCL 257.657a, Section 657a of the Vehicle Code, during the hours set forth therein, for any year that this Resolution is in effect;

IT IS NOW RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS.

1. Pursuant to MCL 257.657a, the Township shall allow the operation of golf carts on Township streets in accordance with the provisions of MCL 257.657a, during the hours set forth herein, for any year that this Resolution is in effect.
2. A person shall not operate a golf cart on any street unless the person is at least 16 years old and is licensed to operate a motor vehicle.
3. The operator of the golf cart shall comply with the signal requirements of Section 648 of the Vehicle Code that apply to the operation of a vehicle (hand-signals are permissible).
4. 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 the same direction.
5. A golf cart shall not be operated on a sidewalk constructed for the use of pedestrians.
6. 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 street or highway.
7. Golf carts must display a slow- moving vehicle sign.
8. Occupants of a golf cart must adhere to vehicle seating capacity.
9. A golf cart shall not be operated on the streets of the Township during the time period from one half-hour before sunset to one half-hour after sunrise the following day.
10. As used in this section, "golf cart" means a vehicle designed for transportation while playing the game of golf.
11. Operators of golf carts on Township streets are charged with the responsibility of knowing the restrictions and regulations contained in Section 657a of the Vehicle Code, including speed limit of golf carts and the streets on which operation of the golf carts is permitted.

12. Any person who operates a golf cart in violation of the terms of this Resolution shall be deemed to have violated the Vehicle Code, as enforced in the Township.

The foregoing resolution was offered by: Todd Conzemius

Seconded by: Jeff Abram

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

AYES: 4 Melonie, Debbie, Jeff, Todd

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Lyle


Melonie L. Arbogast, Supervisor


Jeffery T. Abram, Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by Blue Lake Township Board, County of Muskegon, at a regular meeting held on May 11, 2023.


Jeffery T. Abram, Township Clerk