

ORDINANCE NO. BG2011 – 15

ORDINANCE AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22 (TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES) OF THE CITY OF BOWLING GREEN CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PERMIT THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Revised Statutes authorizes cities to permit the operation of golf carts on City streets by the adoption of an appropriate ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City to adopt the authorized ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Bowling Green, Kentucky as follows:

1. Chapter 22 (Traffic and Motor Vehicles) is hereby amended to add Section 22-12 that reads as follows:

22-12 OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS.

22-12.01 Definitions.

As used in this Subchapter:

“Golf Cart” shall mean any self-propelled vehicle that is designed for the transportation of players or maintaining equipment on a golf course, while engaged in the playing of golf, supervising the play of golf or maintaining the condition of the grounds on a golf course and as further defined in the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

22-12.02 Authorized Public Streets.

All public streets under the jurisdiction of the City of Bowling Green with a speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour or less may be used for the operation of golf carts.

22-12.03 Operation of Golf Carts.

a. Any golf cart operating on streets under the jurisdiction of the City of Bowling Green shall be inspected by a certified inspector designated by the Warren County Sheriff and certified

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through the Department of Vehicle Regulation to ensure that the golf cart complies with the requirements of this Subchapter. The proof of inspection document issued by the Warren County Sheriff shall constitute the permit required from the City of Bowling Green. The proof of inspection / permit issued by the Warren County Sheriff shall be kept in the golf cart at all times of operation on a public roadway. This permit shall be valid as long as the original permittee owns the golf cart.

b. Any permitted golf cart shall be insured in compliance with KRS 304.39-080 by the owner or operator and the proof of insurance shall be maintained inside the golf cart at all times of operation on a public roadway.

c. The operator of the golf cart shall not cross a roadway at an intersection where the roadway being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

d. The operator shall have a valid operator's license in his possession.

e. The golf cart shall only be operated on public streets between sunrise and sunset.

f. The permitted golf cart shall display a slow-moving vehicle emblem in compliance with KRS 189.820.

g. Any person operating a golf cart on a public roadway shall be subject to the traffic regulations of KRS Chapter 189.

h. The provisions of this Subchapter shall not apply to a golf cart that is not used on a public roadway except to cross a roadway while following a golf cart path on a golf course.

22-12.04 Exemptions from Certain Regulations.

A golf cart permitted by this Subchapter is not considered to be a motor vehicle and is exempt from title requirements of KRS 186.020, vehicle registration requirements of KRS 186.050 and emissions compliance certificates pursuant to KRS 224.20-720.

2. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any section, phrase or provision shall for any reason be declared invalid, such declaration of invalidity shall not

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affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

3. All prior Municipal Orders or Ordinances or parts of any Municipal Order or Ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

4. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to KRS 83A.060 in that it was introduced on March 15, 2011, and given final reading on April 5, 2011, and said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon signature, recordation and publication in summary pursuant to KRS Chapter 424.

ADOPTED: April 5, 2011

APPROVED: 
Mayor, Chairman of Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

SPONSORED BY: Bruce Wilkerson, Commissioner, 03/08/2011, 4:30 p.m.