

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2009-6

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OWENSVILLE, INDIANA as follows:

ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

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

(a) "Golf Cart"-- A vehicle with four wheels 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.

ARTICLE 2 OPERATION OF GOLF CART

The operation of a golf cart within the Town of Owensville is strictly prohibited unless the golf cart is operated and equipped in full compliance with this Ordinance.

ARTICLE 3 OPERATOR

Only persons over eighteen (18) years of age and holding a valid driver's license may operate a golf cart.

ARTICLE 4 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The financial ability of the operator or owner notwithstanding, the operator of a golf cart must show financial responsibility when operating a golf cart. Written proof of financial responsibility must be available either on the golf cart or carried by the operator at all times.

ARTICLE 5 REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION

(a) Any golf cart operated within the corporate limits of the Town of Owensville shall be registered annually with the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Owensville.

(b) The annual registration fee shall be \$10.00 payable to the Town of Owensville,

- (c) The registration shall be valid from January 1 to December 31 for the year it is issued.
- (d) Prior to registration, the golf cart must be inspected and approved for registration by the Owensville Police Department.
- (e) Proof of financial responsibility must be provided at the time of registration.
- (e) The current registration certificate shall be maintained on or about the golf cart at all times that it is in operation.

**ARTICLE 6
TIME OF OPERATION**

Golf carts shall not be operated on city streets during one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise unless the golf cart is equipped with two operating headlights (one on each side of the front of the golf cart) and two operating taillights with brake lights (one on each side of the rear of the golf cart) which are visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet.

**ARTICLE 7
PLACE OF OPERATION**

Golf carts may be operated on city streets which have a posted speed limit of thirty (30) miles per hour or less. Golf carts may not be operated on sidewalks or on State Highway 168, State Highway 65 or State Highway 165 except to cross said highways at intersections in a path ninety (90) degrees to said highways.

**ARTICLE 8
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 golf cart. The operator and all occupants shall be seated in the golf cart and no part of the body of the operator or occupant shall extend outside the perimeter of the golf cart while the golf cart is being operated.

**ARTICLE 9
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 Owensville which govern the operation of motor vehicles.

**ARTICLE 10
SLOW MOVING VEHICLE SIGN**

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

**ARTICLE 11
PENALTY**

Violation of this Ordinance shall result in a fine in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

**ARTICLE 12
EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication as required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the Town of Owensville, Indiana, this
_____ day of _____, 2009.

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
OWENSVILLE, INDIANA

DALE HENRY, President

BERNARD THOMPSON, Member

CLYDE SCOTT, Member

ATTEST:

KRISTY YORK, Clerk-Treasurer