

Village of Nashville  
Ordinance No. 5-13-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND REGULATING THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON  
STREETS IN THE VILLAGE OF NASHVILLE.

THE VILLAGE OF NASHVILLE ORDAINS:

**Section 1. TITLE.**

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the “Golf Cart Ordinance.”

**Section 2. DEFINITIONS.** As used in this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. “Village” means Village of Nashville.
- b. “Driver’s License” means any driving privileges, license, temporary instruction permit or temporary license issued under the laws of any state, territory or possession of the United States, Indian country as defined in 18 USC 1151, the District of Columbia, and the Dominion of Canada pertaining to the licensing of persons to operate motor vehicles.
- c. “Maintained Portion” means the street and any shoulder of a street.
- d. “Operate” means to ride in or on, and be in actual physical control of, the operation of the golf cart.
- e. “Operator” means a person who operates or is in actual physical control of the operation of the golf cart.
- f. “Golf Cart” means a vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes.
- g. “Street” or “Streets” means a Village major or local street as described in Section 5 of 1951 PA 51, as amended, MCL 247.659, or a segment thereof. A Street does not include any bike path, sidewalk or recreational trail such as Paul Henry – Thornapple Trail or any other such trail marked as non-motorized.
- h. “Placard” a slow moving vehicle sign or a reflective orange triangle bordered with red that warns other road users that the vehicle displaying the sign is traveling slower than the normal speed of traffic.

**Section 3. OPERATING CONDITIONS.** Except as set forth herein or otherwise provided by law, a golf cart meeting all of the following conditions may be operated on all Streets in the Village of Nashville:

- a. Display a placard on the rear of the vehicle.
- b. Driven on the far right-hand side of the maintained portion of the Street.
- c. The operator of a golf cart shall obey by all sections pertaining to traffic in the Michigan Vehicle Code and the Uniform Traffic Code.
- d. Operators must follow all manufacturer’s recommendations for golf carts including, but not limited to, the number of persons in which the golf cart is designed and equipped to carry.
- e. Golf carts shall not be operated on a public sidewalk constructed for the use of pedestrians.
- f. While displaying a securely attached white-lighted headlight on at all times.
- g. The Golf cart shall be equipped with at least one mirror securely mounted and positioned on the golf cart in such a manner to be able to clearly view traffic approaching from behind.
- h. Golf Carts must not be operated in a negligent manner so as to endanger a person or property, or to obstruct, hinder, or impede the lawful course of travel of any motor vehicle or the lawful use by any pedestrian of public streets, sidewalks, paths, trails, walkways or parks.

- i. Off-road vehicles (ORVs), such as Gators, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), multitrack or multi-wheel drive vehicles, dune buggies or similar vehicles are not considered golf carts.

**Section 4. DESIGNATED ROADWAYS.**

- a. Golf carts are not permitted on State highways including, but not limited to, M-66 and M-79.
- b. Operators on a designated street may cross an excluded state highway as indicated in letter (a) if and only if the operation can be done safely and only at a right angle. Operators must bring the vehicle to a complete stop before proceeding across the excluded road and shall yield the right-of-way to oncoming traffic.

**Section 5. LICENSE.** A person shall not operate a golf cart on a street in the Village unless the person is in possession of a valid driver's license.

**Section 6. PENALTIES.**

- a. A person who violates any provisions of this ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction and shall be subject to a civil fine of not more than Five Hundred and 00/100 (\$500.00) Dollars.
- b. In addition to the fine specified above, the court may order a person who causes damage to the environment, a street or other property as a result of the operation of a golf cart to pay full restitution for that damage above and beyond the penalties for civil fines.

**Section 7. REPEALER CLAUSE.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**Section 8. VALIDITY AND SEVERABILITY.** Should any portion of this ordinance be found invalid for any reason, such a holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**Section 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be effective immediately after publication of notice of its adoption.

PASSED and adopted by the Village of Nashville, Michigan on May 13th , 2021.

YEAS: Callton, Courtney, Priddy, Hartwell, Felder, Hodge and Kenyon

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Ordinance No. 5-13-2021 adopted.

---

Mike Kenyon, Village President

---

Kayce Nelson, Village Clerk

I, Kayce Nelson, the Clerk for the Village of Nashville, Barry County, Michigan, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and accurate copy of an ordinance adopted by the village council of the Village of Nashville at a regular meeting held on May 13th , 2021.

---

Kayce Nelson, Village Clerk

Adopted 5-13-2021

Published 5-15-2021

Effective 5-15-2021