

**TOWNSHIP OF DALTON**

**COUNTY OF MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Dalton, held in the Township Hall, 1616 East Riley Thompson Road, Muskegon, Michigan, on the 13th day of September, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Renea Knight, Lee Witte, Lori Hayes and Jeffrey Martin.

ABSENT: Nola Twining, Kerry Knight and Gerold Flater.

The following ordinance was offered by Member Renea Knight and seconded by Member Lori Hayes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A GOLF CART ORDINANCE**

THE TOWNSHIP OF DALTON ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Chapter 30 of the Codified Ordinances of the Township of Dalton. This Chapter is adopted for the purpose of authorizing and regulating the operation of Golf Carts within the Township to promote the health, safety, and welfare of persons operating Golf Carts within the Township and to protect the safety of their passengers and other users of roads.

**SECTION 2 CHAPTER 30 AMENDED**

Chapter 30 of the code of the Township of Dalton is hereby amended to read as shown:

**CHAPTER 30.07 A. DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Chapter, the following words are hereby defined as follows:

- 1) **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 18USC 1151, the District of Columbia, and the Dominion of Canada pertaining to the licensing of person to operate motor vehicles.
- 2) **Operate** means to ride in or on, and to be in actual physical control of the operation of a Golf Cart.
- 3) **Operator** means a person who operates or is in physical control of the operation of a Golf Cart
- 4) **Golf Cart** means a vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes.

CHAPTER 30.07 B. STREETS OR HIGHWAYS CLOSED TO GOLF CART TRAFFIC

Golf carts shall not be operated on a state trunk line highway and any public road or street with a posted speed limit greater than 30 miles per hour. See **Exhibit A**

CHAPTER 30.07 C. OPERATING RULES

Except as set forth herein or otherwise provided by law, a Golf Cart meeting all of the follow conditions may be operated on a road in Dalton Township:

- 1) Golf carts shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.
- 2) Golf carts may cross a road with a posted speed limit greater than 30 miles per hour. However, once this segment of road has been crossed, the golf cart is still required to only travel on or along a roadway with a speed limit of 30 miles per hour or less. Golf carts must cross in a manner that is the most direct route in order to decrease crossing distance.
- 3) Any person who operates a golf cart must be at least 16 years of age. No person may operate a golf cart unless that person is licensed to drive upon public streets, roads, and highways of Michigan and then, only in accordance with such valid driver's license. Golf cart operators must carry their driver's license on their person at all times while operating a golf cart on public roads.
- 4) Any person who operates a golf cart on a public road must adhere to all applicable State and local laws, regulations and ordinances, including but not limited to those banning the possession and use of alcoholic beverages, and all other illegal drugs. In addition, no golf cart containing any open container of alcohol shall be operated on public roads.
- 5) The operator of the golf cart shall comply with all traffic rules and regulations adopted by the State of Michigan and the Township which governs the operation of motor vehicles.
- 6) An operator may not allow the number of people in the golf cart at any time to exceed the maximum capacity specified by the manufacturer. The operator shall not allow passengers to ride on any part of the golf cart not designed to carry passengers, such as the part of the golf cart designed to carry golf bags.
- 7) In no instances shall a golf cart be operated at a speed greater than 15 miles per hour. No golf cart may be operated at a speed greater than reasonable and prudent for the existing conditions.
- 8) Golf carts must park in designated spaces in such a manner that multiple golf carts can utilize the space. All parking rules and limits apply. Golf carts may not be parked on sidewalks.
- 9) Golf carts must have basic equipment supplied by the manufacturer, including a vehicle identification or serial number. Such equipment must include all safety devices as installed by said manufacturer. Additionally, the golf cart and its operator must meet signal requirements of Section 648 of the Michigan Motor Code.
- 10) Golf carts may not be operated one half-hour before sunset to one half-hour after sunrise.

CHAPTER 30.07 D. ENFORCEMENT

Violation of the provision of this article shall constitute a civil infraction and carry a penalty of \$50.00 for a first offense, \$100.00 for a second offense and \$200.00 for each additional offense.

CHAPTER 30.07 E. COORDINATION WITH STATE LAW:

If any part of this ordinance is inconsistent with any provision of State law, State law shall control.

SECTION 3 SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or portion of this Ordinance is found for any reason to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 4 ORDINANCES REPEALED

All ordinances and/or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force upon the expiration of 30 days of the date when the notice of adoption for this Ordinance is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Dalton. This Ordinance and attached document shall be codified, edited for typos and grammatical errors, and enumerated in accordance with the codification procedure of the Township of Dalton

AYES: R Knight, Hayes, Witte and Martin.

NAYS: None.

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

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Lori Hayes, Township Clerk

Adopted: September 13, 2021  
Published: September 19, 2021  
Effective: October 19, 2021

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Dalton Township Board at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

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Lori Hayes, Township Clerk

**EXHIBIT A**  
**TOWNSHIP OF DALTON**  
**COUNTY OF MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN**  
**NOTICE OF RESTRICTED ROADS**  
**FOR GOLF CARTS**

US 31 – entire length

M120 (Holton Road) – entire length

White Lake Drive – entire length

Riley Thompson Road – entire length

River Road – entire length

Russell Road – entire length

Whitehall Road – entire length