

**TOWN OF WEST BEND
WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-04**

GOLF CART ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Section 349.18(1)(b)(1m) of the Wisconsin Statute permits a town or municipality to adopt an ordinance allowing the operation of golf carts on public roads that have a speed limit of 25 miles per hour (or less), and is located within the territorial boundaries of the Town or Municipality, and;

WHEREAS, Section 349.18(1m) (d) allows for an ordinance to include a definition of the term “golf cart”.

NOW THEREFORE, Town Board of the Town of West Bend, Washington County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

7.15 OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS

DEFINITIONS

(1) Golf Cart

The term “golf cart” means a vehicle designed and manufactured with limited speed capabilities that do not exceed 20 miles per hour on a paved, level surface that is designed and intended to convey one or more persons. Modifications to allow extra seating in the area originally designed to carry equipment is allowed.

(2) Public Roads

The term “public roads” is defined as any Town road, street, or highway located within the Town boundaries designed to accommodate motor vehicles. State and County public roads, streets and highways are excluded.

OPERATION AND USE

Allowable operation of Golf Carts upon Town public roads where speed limits of 25 miles per hour or less.

RESTRICTIONS:

- (1) No persons shall operate a golf cart on designated highways within the Town of West Bend without a valid driver’s license issued in his or her state.
- (2) All golf carts operated under this Ordinance shall be restricted to a maximum speed of 20 miles per hour.
- (3) All golf carts operating under this Ordinance must be equipped with adequate functioning brakes, reliable and accurate steering apparatus, safe and proper tires, rearview mirror, rear reflective slow-moving vehicle sign, red reflectors/or tape on front and rear bumpers, proper registration and visible registration number.
- (4) Golf Carts may only be operated on the designated public roads during the hours between sunrise and sunset.
- (5) All passengers must be seated with a limit of 2 per bench.

- (6) Children are not allowed on a golf cart that is operated on public roads if by age/size required by state or federal regulations to be seated in children restraint equipment.
- (7) Operators are subject to all Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 346 "Rules of the Road" as applicable to automobiles. (inclusive and in particular operating under the influence of controlled substances and/or traveling with open containers.)

REGISTRATION:

- (1) All golf carts intended to be operated on public roads within the boundaries of the Town of West Bend shall be first registered with the Town Clerk. An annual registration fee of \$20.00 annually, and the registration sticker shall be properly displayed on the slow-moving vehicle sign on the golf cart.

VIOLATIONS:

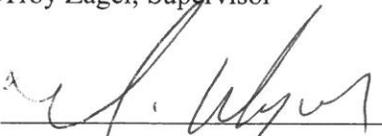
- (1) Violations of this ordinance shall constitute a non-criminal infraction enforceable by all duly authorized law enforcement officers of the Town of West Bend and Washington County.
- (2) Violation penalties shall be not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$100.00 and possible loss of registration and the right to operate a golf cart on Town designated public roads.

This ordinance shall be effective upon execution and appropriate public notice thereof as provided by law.

Adopted this 18TH day of JUNE, 2020.

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Jim Heipp, Chairman	Aye	Nay

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Troy Zagel, Supervisor	Aye	Nay

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Mark Wagor, Supervisor	Aye	Nay

Attest:

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Julie Ihlenfeld, Clerk