

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS ON VILLAGE STREETS

WHEREAS, council recognizes that Villages with a population of fewer than 30,000 based upon the 2010 decennial census may, by resolution, allow the operation of golf carts on the streets of that village, pursuant to and subject to, the requirements of MCL 257.657a.

WHEREAS, Council recognizes that the Village of Lyons has a population of fewer than 30,000 based on the 2010 decennial census.

WHEREAS, Council believes that allowing the operation of golf carts on the streets of the village will benefit the residents of the village.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. For the reasons stated above, the Village of Lyons hereby allows the operation of golf carts on the streets of the village subject to the following provisions:

a. A person shall not operate a golf cart on any street unless he or she is at least 16 years old and is licensed to operate a motor vehicle.

b. The operator of a golf cart shall comply with the signal requirements of MCL 257.648 that apply to the operation of a vehicle.

c. A person operating a golf cart upon a roadway 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.

d. A person shall not operate a golf cart on a state trunk line highway. This subsection does not prohibit a person from crossing a state trunk line highway when operating a golf cart on a street in the village using the most direct line of crossing.

e. A person operating a golf cart shall not pass between lines of traffic, but may pass on the left of traffic moving in his or her direction in the case of a 2-way street or on the left or right of traffic in the case of a 1-way street, in an unoccupied lane.

f. A golf cart shall not be operated on a sidewalk constructed for the use of pedestrians.

g. A golf cart shall be operated at a speed not to exceed 15 miles per hour and shall not be operated on a highway or street with a speed limit of more than 30 miles per hour except to cross that highway or street.

h. A golf cart shall not be operated on the streets of the village during the time period from 1/2 hour before sunset to 1/2 hour after sunrise.

i. A person operating a golf cart or who is a passenger in a golf cart is not required to wear a crash helmet.

j. This section does not apply to a police officer in the performance of his or her official duties.

k. A golf cart operated on a village street is not required to be registered under this resolution.

l. As used in this section, "golf cart" means a vehicle designed for transportation while playing the game of golf. A golf cart is not required to meet the vehicle safety requirements of a low-speed vehicle for approval under this section.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED: Dated: 10/19/2015 Effective date 10/28/2015