

**VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN  
GOLF CART OPERATIONS ON VILLAGE STREETS  
ORDINANCE NO. 0810-20**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS IN THE  
THE VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN ON SPECIFIED STREETS AND TO  
PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE**

**THE VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1: PURPOSE, STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION, ASSUMPTION OF  
RISK AND INDEMNIFICATION**

Consistent with **MCL 257.657a of the Michigan motor vehicle code**, this Ordinance allows the use of golf carts on specified public streets in the Village of Mattawan. This Ordinance is authorized, in part, because the Village of Mattawan is a Michigan Home Rule Village having a population of fewer than 30,000 individuals based on the 2010 census.

This Ordinance allows the use of ***golf carts only***, as defined by MCL 257.657a, and does not authorize the use of any other vehicle, including in part recreational vehicles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), or off-road vehicles (ORVs), including lawn mowers.

Any person who owns, uses and/or operates a golf cart in the Village pursuant to this Ordinance does so at their own risk, and agrees to indemnify the Village of Mattawan from any injury, damage, or claims that arise from their ownership and/or use of a golf cart.

**SECTION 2: REGISTRATION, PERMITS**

The owner and/or operator of a golf cart based on the authority of this Ordinance shall register their name, home address, mailing address, email address, and telephone number with the Village of Mattawan. The owner and/or operator shall register the golf cart with the Village of Mattawan before the golf cart may be used. The registration shall be pursuant to one or more forms provided by the Village, and shall include the golf cart's make, model, and serial number or VIN number prior to operation of the golf cart. All golf carts shall be covered by a liability insurance policy satisfactory to the Village, with a copy provided to the Village of Mattawan. Upon receipt of all listed information and documents, a permit may be issued.

### SECTION 3 REQUIREMENTS (Section 257.657a of the Michigan motor vehicle code.)

Golf carts **shall not** be operated on public sidewalks in the Village of Mattawan. Golf carts **shall not** be operated in, on, or within 500 feet of any portion of the MDOT round-a-bouts over interstate I-94. Golf carts shall be operated on public roads as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable.

- A. A person shall not operate a golf cart on **any** street unless he or she is at least 16 years old and has a valid license to operate a motor vehicle.
- B. Any golf cart operator shall have their valid driver's license on their person while operation golf cart
- C. The driver's license shall be provided to a police officer upon request.
- D. Maximum speed for the golf cart on a public road shall not exceed 15 M.P. H.
- E. A golf cart shall not be operated on a state trunk line highway or a highway or street with a speed limit of more than 30 miles per hour except to cross that state trunk line highway or highway or street. The Village may, by resolution, designate roads or classifications of roads for use by golf carts under this subsection.
- F. A golf cart shall not be operated pursuant to this Ordinance the time period from 1/2 hour before sunset to 1/2 hour after sunrise.
- G. Golf carts shall have one exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the golf cart, and either 1 exterior mirror mounted on the passenger side of the golf cart, or 1 interior mirror as required for low-speed vehicles.
- H. The operator of a golf cart shall comply with the signal requirements
- I. Golf cart shall have brake lights, or single brake light.
- J. Brakes shall be in working order.
- K. At least 1 red reflector on each side of the golf cart as far to the rear as practicable and 1 red reflector on the rear of the golf cart as required for low-speed vehicles.
- L. All passengers, including the driver must be seated.

### SECTION 4 ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

All state laws set forth in MCL 257.657a, and the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code for traffic laws apply.

- A. The Village of Mattawan reserves the right to modify this ordinance as written.
- B. This ordinance may be rescinded, or further limited if the use of golf carts become a safety hazard, or become a nuisance

SECTION 5 SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or subsection is declared void or inoperable for any reason, it shall not affect any other part or portion hereof.

SECTION 6 EFFECTIVE DATE

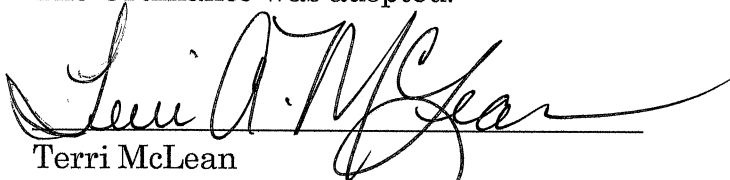
This Ordinance will become effective upon publication.

At a meeting of the Village of Mattawan Village Council held on August 10, 2020, TAYLOR moved for adoption of the Ordinance. O'DELL supported the motion.

COLE, DALY, MARKLE, O'DELL, ROSSMAN, TAYLOR, WHEELER voted yes.

NONE voted no.

The Ordinance was adopted.

  
Terri McLean  
Village Manager and Clerk