

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD, INDIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-_____

(An ordinance to permit the use of golf carts on roads and highways within the town limits of the Town of Bloomfield, Indiana, providing registration and permit process, and providing penalties)

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF BLOOMFIELD, GREENE COUNTY, INDIANA, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. This Ordinance amends Article 4 of Title V of the Municipal Code of Bloomfield, Indiana (the "Code") such that a Section 17 titled GOLF CART REGULATION shall be added to the Code.

Section 2. Section 17 of Article 4 of Title V hereby is adopted and hereafter shall provide as follows:

Section 17. It shall be unlawful to operate a golf cart upon any public street, highway, sidewalk, alley, public right of way, or other public way, within the town limits of the Town of Bloomfield, Indiana (the "Town") unless the following conditions are met:

- (1) The owner of the golf cart has obtained a valid, non-expired permit for the golf cart and the valid, non-expired permit is displayed prominently on the golf cart. Permits may only be issued if the owner completes the following:
 - (a) Annual registration fee of \$25.00 is paid to the Town;
 - (b) Permits are valid from April 1 through March 31 of the following year;
 - (c) A temporary, three-day permit may be obtained by payment of \$10.00 to the Town;
 - (d) All permit fees shall be deposited in the Law Enforcement Continuing Education/Firearms Fund, unless otherwise required by law.
- (2) The operator of the golf cart has a valid driver's license.
- (3) The operator of the golf cart has the golf cart insured for use on public roads and highways and carries proof of such insurance within the golf cart.
- (4) In order for a golf cart to be operated, it shall display at least one of the following two safety devices: [1] a triangular slow moving vehicle emblem mounted as near as is practicable to the center of mass and at an approximate height of not less than three and not more than five feet from level ground or pavement surface. The emblem shall be mounted so as to be entirely visible from the

rear, day or night; or [2] a red or an amber flashing lamp mounted at a height as low as practicable that is visible from a distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet to the rear. The red or amber flashing lamp may be used at times other than when lighted lamps are required. A double-faced flashing lamp may be used, displaying amber light to the front and red or amber light to the rear. In order for a golf cart to be operated between 9:00pm and 7:00am, it must be equipped with, in addition to the foregoing requirement, both functional headlights and tail lights/tail lamps.

(5) When a golf cart is moved, operated, or driven at a time or under circumstances during which the use of lighted lamps on vehicles is required by Indiana law, the golf cart must display a red or an amber flashing lamp mounted at a height as low as practicable that is visible from a distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet to the rear. The red or amber flashing lamp may be used at times other than when lighted lamps are required. A double-faced flashing lamp may be used, displaying amber light to the front and red or amber light to the rear.

(6) Golf carts may not be operated between the hours of 9:00pm and 7:00am, unless equipped with appropriate lighting devices, as required in subsection (4) above.

(7) The provisions of this ordinance do not relieve and shall not be construed as relieving an operator of a golf cart of the duty to obey all applicable state, local, federal or other laws or regulations concerning motor vehicles and the operation of motor vehicles, including but not limited to Indiana Code 9-26-1 and 9-30-5.

(8) The penalty for a violation of any of the provisions of Section 17 is a \$75.00 fine. All fines assessed shall be deposited in the Law Enforcement Continuing Education/Firearms Fund, unless otherwise required by law.

(9) The provisions of this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of publication as required by Indiana Code 5-3-1, with the exception that permitting requirements shall become effective April 1, 2015.

Section 3. Title V, Article 4 hereby is reaffirmed in all other parts not hereby amended.

Passed and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield on the 10th day of September, 2014.

“Aye”

“Nay”

Doug Frye, as Town Council
President

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Eric Harrah, as a Town
Council Member

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Dave Harding, as a Town Council
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ATTEST:

Sondra Thompson, as Clerk-Treasurer