

## **GOLF CARTS**

### **70.20 DEFINITIONS.**

For purposes of this subchapter the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**DRIVER'S LICENSE.** A valid license to operate a motor vehicle issued by Indiana or any other state.

**FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.** Liability insurance coverage on a golf cart in an amount not less than required by Indiana law for motor vehicles on public highways in the State of Indiana.

**GOLF CART.** A vehicle originally designed for operation on a golf course, and powered by a battery, or internal combustion motor.  
(Ord. 2009-01, passed 6-22-2009)

### **70.21 OPERATION OF GOLF CART.**

The operation of a golf cart within the town is strictly prohibited unless the golf cart is operated, insured and equipped in full compliance with this subchapter.  
(Ord. 2009-01, passed 6-22-2009) Penalty, see 70.99(E)

### **70.22 OPERATOR.**

Only persons over 16 years of age and holding a valid driver's license may operate a golf cart.  
(Ord. 2009-01, passed 6-22-2009) Penalty, see 70.99(E)

### **70.23 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.**

The operator or owner of a golf cart must show financial responsibility when operating a golf cart. Written proof of financial responsibility must be available on the golf cart or carried by the operator at all times.  
(Ord. 2009-01. Passed 6-22-2009) Penalty, see 70.99(E)

### **70.24 TIME OF OPERATION.**

Golf carts shall not be operated on any town streets between one-half hour after sunset and one -half hour before sunrise, unless the golf cart is equipped with two operating headlights (one on each side of the front of the golf cart), and two operating taillights with brake lights and turn signals (one on each side of the rear of the golf cart), which are visible from a distance of 500 feet.  
(Ord. 2009-01, passed 6-22-2009) Penalty, see 70.99(E)

### **70.25 PLACE OF OPERATION.**

Golf carts may be operated on town streets, alleys and parking lots. Golf carts may not be operated on sidewalks.

(Ord. 2009-01, passed 6-22-2009) Penalty, see 70.99(E)

### **70.26 OCCUPANTS.**

The number of occupants in a golf cart shall be limited to the number of persons for whom factory seating is installed and provided on the golf cart. The operator and all occupants shall be seated in the golf cart and no parts of the bodies of the operator or any occupant shall extend outside the perimeter of the golf cart while the golf cart is being operated.

(Ord. 2009-01, passed 6-22-2009) Penalty, see 70.99(E)

### **70.27 TRAFFIC RULES.**

The operator of the golf cart shall comply with all traffic rules and regulations adopted by the State of Indiana and the Town of Rome City which govern the operation of the motor vehicles. No golf carts shall be permitted on State Road 9 except for purposes of crossing same. Such crossings are to be made at a 90 degree angle to the roadway.

(Ord. 2009-01, passed 6-22-2009) Penalty, see 70.99(E)

### **70.28 SLOW MOVING VEHICLES.**

All golf carts must display on the back of the golf cart a "slow moving vehicle" sign of the same type required under Indiana law.

(Ord.2009-01, passed 6-22-2009) Penalty, see 70.99(E)

### **70.29 REGISTRATION.**

All golf carts to be operated on the public streets and alleys shall be registered with the town and the owner thereof shall pay an annual registration fee. All registrations expire one year from the purchase. The registration forms are available in the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer and the registration fee shall be paid to the town through the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer. Upon the effective date of this subchapter, the registration fee shall be \$40 annually. The fee so generated shall be deposited one half in the Law Enforcement Continuing Education Fund of the Marshal's Office of the town, and the other one half to the General Fund of the town. At the time of registration the owner shall present proof of insurance insuring property damage and personal liability coverage for injury or damage to property of others and of personal injury to other persons. Prior to issuance of the registration by the Clerk-Treasurer, the golf cart shall be inspected by the Town Marshal or his deputy to endure compliance with the

terms of this subchapter. All provisions of this subchapter apply to owner-operated golf carts as well as those leased or rented from vendor.  
(Ord. 2009-01, passed 6-22-2009; Am. Ord. 2011-01, passed 1-12-0-2011)  
Penalty, see 70.99(E)