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Ordinance #2020-05

County Golf Cart Ordinance

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Jefferson County is the County Executive body and is by law authorized to adopt ordinances and resolutions with respect to public health, safety and welfare;

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Board that Jefferson County, Indiana is in need of a policy governing the use of golf carts on roadways in the unincorporated areas of Jefferson County;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ESTABLISHED, RESOLVED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Jefferson County, Indiana as follows:

THE OPERATION OF A GOLF CART ON COUNTY ROADWAYS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED UNLESS THE GOLF CART IS OPERATED AND EQUIPPED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A golf cart shall not cross Clifty Drive at any point.
2. Golf carts may not be operated on State Roads 56, 62 or 7 or U.S. Highway 421 or any other state or federal highway at any time. Golf carts may cross those highways only at intersections,
3. Operators of golf carts shall at all times yield the right-of-way to faster moving traffic, and may not impede the regular flow of traffic.
4. Golf carts shall not be operated on Jefferson County roadways during one-half hour after sunset to 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 brake lights (one on each side of the rear of the golf cart) which are visible from a distance of 500 feet.
5. Golf carts shall be identified as slow moving vehicles by a state approved triangular slow moving vehicle sign positioned a minimum of five feet and a maximum of six feet above the road surface and clearly visible at all times while being operated on county roads.
6. 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. Child restraints shall be used in accordance with State traffic and vehicle rules applicable to transporting young children.

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7. The operator and all occupants shall be seated in the golf cart and no part of the body of the operator or occupant shall extend outside the perimeter of the golf cart while the golf cart is in motion.

8. Only persons over 16 years of age and holding a valid driver's license shall operate a golf cart.

9. The operator of the golf cart shall comply with all traffic rules and regulations adopted by the State of Indiana and Jefferson County which govern the operation of motor vehicles.

10. Beginning August 1, 2020, all golf carts operated on the county roadways shall be registered with Jefferson County and bear a sticker. The County shall collect a fee for registration, which shall be set from time to time by the Board of Jefferson County Commissioners.

11. The financial ability of the operator or owner notwithstanding, the operator of a golf cart must show financial responsibility when operating a golf cart in the manner and form required by the State of Indiana for the operation of a motor vehicle.

12. Written proof of financial responsibility must be available either on the golf cart or carried by the operator at all times.

13. Liability insurance coverage on a golf cart shall be in an amount not less than the minimum required for motor vehicles operated on public highways in the State of Indiana.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Adopted this 6 day of AUGUST, 2020.

Board of Commissioners

Jefferson County, Indiana



David Bramer, President