

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01

GOLF CART ORDINANCE
REGULATING GOLF CART
USE ON CITY AND
COUNTY ROADS IN
LAKE SHORE, CASS COUNTY, MN

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/20/2022



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The Board of County Commissioners for the County of Cass, Minnesota, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1: Purpose and Intent.

Minnesota Statute § 169.045 empowers the governing body of any county or city to authorize the operation of motorized golf carts on designated roadways or portions thereof under its jurisdiction. This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the request of the City of Lake Shore to address the operation of Golf Carts on County Roads within the geographical limits of the city. The ordinance shall remain in effect only so long as Lake Shore City Ordinance No. 2022-02 as enacted on July 25, 2022, remains in effect.

Section 2: Definitions.

"City" means the City of Lake Shore, Minnesota.

"City Road" means a road or street that is under the jurisdiction of the City of Lake Shore, Minnesota.

"County" means the County of Cass, Minnesota.

"County Road" means a road or street that is under the jurisdiction of Cass County, Minnesota and is classified as a "county state-aid highway," "county highway," or "county road."

"Driver" means the person driving and having physical control over the Golf Cart.

"Motorized Golf Cart" or "Golf Cart" means any electric or gas-powered vehicle with: (1) three or four low pressure or non-pneumatic tires; (2) an engine displacement less than 800 cubic centimeters; (3) and not capable of reaching speeds greater than 20 miles per hour.

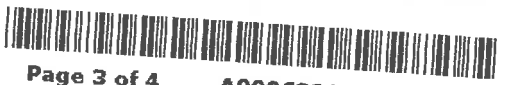
Section 3: Authorized Use

a. A Golf Cart may be driven, operated, or controlled on the right shoulder or the extreme right-hand side of County Roads, pursuant to the requirements of this section and only after a permit has been obtained pursuant to Section 4 of this ordinance.

b. Golf Carts may only be operated on County Roads within the City of Lake Shore when it is impossible to reach a destination using City Roads alone. An operator may utilize a County Road, only when necessary to crossover it to travel between one City Road and another City Road. It is illegal to operate a Golf Cart on a County Road within the jurisdiction of the City of Lake Shore for cruising, enjoyment, or casual purposes. The only authorized use of Golf Carts on County Roads in the City of Lake Shore is to facilitate travel between City Roads for Golf Cart traffic.

c. Golf Carts may make left turns across the road only if it is safe to do so under prevailing conditions.

d. Golf Carts may be operated on County Roads from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and must be equipped with original equipment headlights, taillights and rear facing brake lights with said equipment in good and functional operating condition.



- e. Golf Cart speed shall not exceed 20 MPH.
- f. Golf Carts shall not be operated when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions, or at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.
- g. Golf Carts must always obey all traffic laws.
- h. Operators of any Golf Cart permitted herein must have a valid driver's license, or may be 15 years of age with a valid learners permit and accompanied by a person 18 years or older in the front seat. The accompanying adult must have a valid driver's license which must be in his/her possession. A valid driver's license or learners permit must be in the operator's possession while operating the Golf Cart at all times.
- i. No person shall sit in the driver's lap while the Golf Cart is in motion.
- j. Every adult and child over the age of 10 years-old who is the passenger on a Golf Cart shall have their own seating space.
- k. Children under the age of 10 years-old may ride on an adult's lap so long as there is only one child per adult.
- l. Golf Carts shall not be overloaded and shall only bear the number of passengers and amount of weight authorized.
- m. There shall be no standing on or about the Golf Cart while the Golf Cart is in motion and no person shall hang onto the front, side or back of a Golf Cart while the Golf Cart is in motion.

Section 4. Permit and Insurance.

No person shall operate a Golf Cart on a County Road without first obtaining a permit from the City of Lake Shore for the operation of Golf Carts on City Roads. Any Golf Cart operated on a County Road shall be insured consistent with the provisions of Minnesota Statute § 65B.48 Subd. 5.

Section 5. Golf Cart Criteria

- a. Golf carts shall be equipped with a mirror so located as to reflect to the driver a view of the highway for a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear of such vehicle.
- b. Golf carts shall display the slow-moving vehicle emblem provided for in Minnesota Statute § 169.522 when operating on County Roads.
- c. The number of occupants on a golf cart cannot exceed the design occupant load.

Section 6. Penalties and Enforcement.

Any person or persons who violates or allows another to violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor. Administrative fines may also be assessed to drivers, owner or permit holders of Golf Carts that violate any provision of this ordinance. Any person or persons who violates or allows another to violate any provisions of this ordinance shall be liable for the costs of any damage or restoration of any damage to public or private property. The Lake Shore Police Department and the City Attorney for Lake Shore may enforce violations of this ordinance.

Section 6 Effective Date.



This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as provided by law. It shall remain in effect only so long as Lake Shore City Ordinance No. 2022-02 as enacted on July 25, 2022 remains in effect.

County of Cass, Minnesota

By: [Signature]
Chairman of Cass County Board of Commissioners

Attest: [Signature]
Joshua Stevenson, Cass County Administrator

Cass County Ordinance

2022-01 Cass County Golf Cart Ordinance with the City of Lakeshore, Minnesota

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF CASS)
OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR)

I, SANDRA NORIKANE, Auditor of the County of Cass, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original Ordinance filed in my office on the 5th day of October, 2022, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal of my office in Walker, Minnesota, this 5th day of October, 2022.

[Signature]
Cass County Auditor

By: _____
Deputy



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