



City of Norway

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RESOLUTION 2016-17

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS ON THE STREETS OF THE CITY OF NORWAY

WHEREAS, the City of Norway has a population of less than 30,000 individuals based upon the 2010 decennial census, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Michigan Vehicle Code section MCL 257.657a, the City Council of the City of Norway finds it agreeable to allow the operation of golf carts on city streets, and

WHEREAS, the use of golf carts on city streets is not either an environmental hazard nor a safety hazard provided operators of golf carts follow the rules established by MCL 257.657a and this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Norway, do hereby approve the use of golf carts on city streets pursuant to MCL 257.657a, and

FURTHERMORE, operators of golf carts are not required to register with the city hall however shall comply with all of the provisions of MCL 257.657a which includes but not limited to the following:

- (a) A person shall not operate a golf cart on any street unless he or she is at least 16 years old and is licensed to operate a motor vehicle.
- (b) The operator of a golf cart shall comply with the signal requirements of section 648 that apply to the operation of a vehicle.
- (c) A person operating a golf cart upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.
- (d) A person shall not operate a golf cart on a state trunk line highway.
- (e) A person may cross a state trunk line provided they use the most direct route of crossing.
- (f) A person operating a golf cart shall not pass between lines of traffic, but may pass on the left of traffic moving in his or her direction in the case of a 2-way street or on the left or right of traffic in the case of a 1-way street, in an unoccupied lane.

- (g) A person may not use a walking path or other path or sidewalk designed and intended for non-motorized use. Use of a golf cart on a non-motorized path would be in violation of MCL 750.419.
- (h) A golf cart shall be operated at a speed not to exceed 15 miles per hour and shall not be operated on a highway or street with a speed limit of more than 30 miles per hour except to cross that highway or street.
- (i) A golf cart shall not be operated on city streets during the time period from ½ hour before sunset to ½ hour after sunrise.

PRESENT: Brew, Bubloni, Meneghini, Popp

YES: Brew, Bubloni, Meneghini, Popp

NO:

ABSENT: Hayes

ENTERED this 6th day of September, 2016.



Paul Hayes, MD, Mayor



Trisha Plante, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Council Members for the City of Norway, County of Dickinson, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on September 6, 2016 and that public notice of said meeting was given as required by Statute.



Trisha Plante, City Clerk

MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 300 of 1949

257.657a Operation of golf cart on village, city, or township streets.

Sec. 657a. (1) A village or city having a population of fewer than 30,000 individuals based upon the 2010 decennial census may by resolution allow the operation of golf carts on the streets of that village or city, subject to the requirements of this section. A township having a population of fewer than 30,000 individuals based upon the 2010 decennial census may by resolution, unless disapproved by the county board of commissioners under subsection (3), allow the operation of golf carts on the streets of that township, subject to the requirements of this section.

(2) If a village, city, or township allows the operation of golf carts on the streets of that village, city, or township, that village, city, or township may require those golf carts and the operators of those golf carts to be recorded on a list maintained by that village, city, or township. A village, city, or township shall not charge a fee for listing golf carts or the operators of those golf carts.

(3) A county board of commissioners may, by resolution, disapprove the operation of golf carts on the streets of a township located within that county if the county board of commissioners conducts a hearing and determines that 1 or more of the following apply:

(a) The operation of golf carts on the streets of that township would cause significant environmental damage.

(b) The operation of golf carts on the streets of that township would cause a significant concern of public safety.

(4) The county board of commissioners shall provide public notice of a hearing under subsection (3) at least 45 days before the hearing is conducted. The county board of commissioners shall also provide written notice of a hearing under subsection (3) to the township at least 45 days before the hearing is conducted.

(5) A person shall not operate a golf cart on any street unless he or she is at least 16 years old and is licensed to operate a motor vehicle.

(6) The operator of a golf cart shall comply with the signal requirements of section 648 that apply to the operation of a vehicle.

(7) A person operating a golf cart upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

(8) A person shall not operate a golf cart on a state trunk line highway. This subsection does not prohibit a person from crossing a state trunk line highway when operating a golf cart on a street of a village, city, or township, using the most direct line of crossing.

(9) Where a usable and designated path for golf carts is provided adjacent to a highway or street, a person operating a golf cart may, by local ordinance, be required to use that path.

(10) A person operating a golf cart shall not pass between lines of traffic, but may pass on the left of traffic moving in his or her direction in the case of a 2-way street or on the left or right of traffic in the case of a 1-way street, in an unoccupied lane.

(11) A golf cart shall not be operated on a sidewalk constructed for the use of pedestrians.

(12) A golf cart shall be operated at a speed not to exceed 15 miles per hour and shall not be operated on a highway or street with a speed limit of more than 30 miles per hour except to cross that highway or street. A village, city, or township may, by resolution, designate roads or classifications of roads for use by golf carts under this subsection.

(13) A golf cart shall not be operated on the streets of a city, village, or township during the time period from 1/2 hour before sunset to 1/2 hour after sunrise.

(14) A person operating a golf cart or who is a passenger in a golf cart is not required to wear a crash helmet.

(15) This section does not apply to a police officer in the performance of his or her official duties.

(16) A golf cart operated on a street of a village, city, or township under this section is not required to be registered under this act for purposes of section 3101 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3101.

(17) As used in this section, "golf cart" means a vehicle designed for transportation while playing the game of golf. A golf cart is not required to meet the vehicle safety requirements of a low-speed vehicle for approval under this section.

History: Add. 2014, Act 491, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 2015.

MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 300 of 1949

257.648 Operation of vehicle or bicycle; signals for stopping or turning; signal lamp or mechanical signal device on commercial motor vehicle; violation as civil infraction.

Sec. 648. (1) The operator of a vehicle or bicycle upon a highway, before stopping or turning from a direct line, shall first determine that the stopping or turning can be made in safety and shall give a signal as required in this section.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5), a signal required under this section shall be given either by means of the hand and arm in the manner specified in this section, or by a mechanical or electrical signal device that conveys an intelligible signal or warning to other highway traffic.

(3) When a person is operating a vehicle and signal is given by means of the hand and arm, the operator shall signal as follows:

(a) For a left turn, the operator shall extend his or her left hand and arm horizontally.

(b) For a right turn, the operator shall extend his or her left hand and arm upward.

(c) To stop or decrease speed, the operator shall extend his or her left hand and arm downward.

(4) When a person is operating a bicycle and signal is given by means of the hand and arm, the operator shall signal as follows:

(a) For a left turn, the operator shall extend his or her left hand and arm horizontally.

(b) For a right turn, the operator shall extend his or her left hand and arm upward or shall extend his or her right hand and arm horizontally.

(c) To stop or decrease speed, the operator shall extend his or her left hand and arm downward.

(5) A commercial motor vehicle, other than a commercial motor vehicle in transit from a manufacturer to a dealer, in use on a highway shall be equipped with, and required signal shall be given by, a signal lamp or mechanical signal device when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the left outside limit of the body, cab, or load of the commercial motor vehicle exceeds 24 inches, or when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the rear limit of the body or load of the commercial vehicle exceeds 14 feet. The measurement from steering post to rear limit applies to a single vehicle or combination of vehicles.

(6) A person who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction.

History: 1949, Act 300, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949;—Am. 1954, Act 181, Eff. Aug. 13, 1954;—Am. 1958, Act 166, Eff. Sept. 13, 1958;—Am. 1974, Act 334, Imd. Eff. Dec. 17, 1974;—Am. 1978, Act 510, Eff. Aug. 1, 1979;—Am. 2014, Act 1, Imd. Eff. Jan. 28, 2014.

THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 328 of 1931

750.419 Operating or riding motorcycle; moped, or other motor vehicle on bicycle path or sidewalk; misdemeanor; exception.

Sec. 419. A person who operates or rides a motorcycle, moped, or other motor vehicle, excepting motorized wheelchairs upon a bicycle path or a sidewalk regularly laid out and constructed for the use of pedestrians, not including a crosswalk or driveway, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

History: 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;—CL 1948, 750.419;—Am. 1975, Act 281, Imd. Eff. Nov. 26, 1975;—Am. 1978, Act 56, Eff. Mar. 30, 1979.

Former law: See sections 1 and 2 of Act 38 of 1917, being CL 1929, §§ 4221 and 4222.