

## 7.12.02 GOLF CARTS

- 1) **INTENT.** The Village of Bloomfield adopts the following Golf Cart vehicle routes for the operation of Golf Carts upon the highways pursuant to Wis. Stat. §349.18 (2019-20).

To provide a means of travel that is not only convenient and safe, but conserves resources and protects the environment. Golf carts, if properly used, are in an effective way to travel short distances in Bloomfield. However, to ensure the public safety and welfare, the operation of golf carts must not only comply with normal regulations regarding vehicles but should comply with special safety regulations to protect the operator and passengers of the vehicle. The intent of this statute is to establish the basic minimum standards of care to be used by operators of golf carts on the public roads and streets.

- 2) **ROUTES.** All highways located within Bloomfield boundaries with posted speeds of 25mph or less. This does not include any County Trunk Highways, Numbered State Highways, and Federal Highways.
  - a) Signs approved by the DOT shall be installed at every point of entry and end to each subdivision allowing golf carts.
  - b) All golf cart routes are prohibited from dusk to dawn.
- 3) **RULES OF OPERATION.**
  - a) All of the Rules of the Road set forth by State Statute and the Administrative Code shall be followed.
  - b) The operator must have a valid Drivers' License
  - c) The golf cart shall have:
    - i. seatbelts for all occupants.
    - ii. directional signals.
    - iii. rearview mirrors.
    - iv. display a slow-moving vehicle sign pursuant to §347.245(1) and (2), Wis. Stats.
    - v. golf cart covered by liability insurance
- 4) **PERMIT REQUIRED:** No golf carts shall be operated on Village highways unless a permit issued by the Village Clerk or their appointee has been issued to the owner of said golf cart. The permit received from the Village of Bloomfield must be displayed on the front of the golf cart to be clearly visible. The permit shall be valid from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> every odd year. The fee for this permit shall be determined by the Village Board and shall not be prorated.
- 5) **ENFORCEMENT.** This ordinance shall be enforced by any law enforcement officer of the Bloomfield Police Department, or any other United States or State of Wisconsin Municipal law enforcement agency.
- 6) **SEVERABILITY.** The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable, and it is expressly declared that Bloomfield would have passed other provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid,

the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other person circumstances shall not be deemed affected.

- 7) **MAINTENANCE.** Designation of segments of the Bloomfield Highway as golf cart routes do not impose upon the Bloomfield Highway Department a greater duty of care or responsibility for maintenance of those segments than for any other segment of Bloomfield roads. Operators of golf carts on Bloomfield highways assume the usual and normal risk of golf cart operation.
- 8) **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.**
  - a) *Disclaimer.* Golf carts are not designed for nor manufactured to be used on public streets and Bloomfield neither advocates nor endorses the golf cart as a safe means travel on highways. Bloomfield shall in no way be liable for accidents, injuries or death involving the operation of a golf cart.
  - b) *Assumption of Risk.* Any person who owns, operates or rides upon a golf cart on a public street, road or highway within Bloomfield does so at his or her own risk and peril and assumes all liability resulting from the operation of the golf cart.