

TOWNSHIP OF EGELSTON  
MUSKEGON COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
ORDINANCE NO. 38 – ARTICLE II

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EGELSTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

Chapter 38, Article II of the Code of Ordinances of the Township of Egelston, Michigan, Sections 10 through 14 are enacted as follows:

**Section 10 "Purpose" is enacted to read as follows:**

The purpose of this ordinance shall be to establish a Golf Cart Ordinance within the Township to promote the health, safety and welfare of persons operating golf carts Within the Township and to protect the safety of their passengers and other users of roads,

**Section 11 "Definitions" is enacted to read as follows:**

For the purpose of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

1. Golf Cart: A vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding of 15 miles per hour.
2. Driver's License: A valid license issued to operate a motor vehicle issued by the state of Michigan or any other state.
3. Operator: Only persons at least 16 years of age and holding a valid Driver's License may operate a golf cart on roads.
4. Slow moving sign: A reflective orange triangle sign bordered with red that warns other road users that the vehicle displaying the sign is traveling slower than the normal speed of traffic.

**Section 12 "Rules and Regulations" is enacted to read as follows:**

This ordinance is to establish guidance in the interest of public safety.

1. Golf Carts must cross in a manner that is the most direct route in order to decrease crossing distance.
- 2 Any person who operates a Golf Cart must be at least 16 years of age. No person may operate a Golf Cart unless that person is licensed to drive upon the public streets, roads, and highways of Michigan and then, only in accordance with such valid Driver's License. Golf Cart Operators must carry their Driver's License on their person at all times while operating a Golf Cart on public roads,
3. Any person who operates a Golf Cart on a public road must adhere to all applicable State and local laws, regulations and ordinances, including, but not limited to, those banning the possession and use of alcoholic beverages, and all other illegal drugs, in addition, no Golf Cart containing any open container of alcohol shall be operated on public roads.
4. The Operator of the Golf Cart shall comply with all traffic rules and

regulations adopted by the State of Michigan and the Township which governs the operation of motor vehicles.

5. An Operator may not allow the number of people in the Golf Cart at any one time to exceed the maximum capacity specified by the manufacturer. The Operator shall not allow passengers to ride on any part of a Golf Cart not designed to carry passengers, such as the part of the Golf Cart designed to carry golf bags.
6. In no instance shall a Golf Cart be operated at a speed greater than 15 miles per hour. No Golf Cart may be operated at a speed greater than reasonable and prudent for the existing conditions.
7. Golf Carts must be operated at the right edge of the roadway and must yield to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
8. Golf Carts must park in designated spaces in such a manner that multiple Golf Carts can utilize the space. All parking rules and limits apply. Golf Carts may not be parked on sidewalks.
9. Golf Carts must have basic equipment supplied by the manufacturer, including a vehicle identification or serial number. Such equipment must include all safety devices as installed by said manufacturer. Additionally, the Golf Cart and its Operator must meet signal requirements of Section 648 of the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code.
10. Golf Carts may not be operated one half-hour before sunset to one half-hour after sunrise.
11. Golf Carts are prohibited from operating on Apple Avenue (M-46), Maple Island Road, Hall Road from Marion Street to Maple Island Road and Brooks Road from Evanston Avenue to MacArthur Road
12. Golf Carts are required to have a solid orange banner, which is at least six (6") inches by twelve (12") inches and mounted within ten (10") inches of the top of a "whip". The "whip" is a pole, rod, or antenna, mounted on the back of the Golf Cart and extends at least eight (8') feet from the surface of the ground. The "whip" must stand upright when the Golf Cart is stationary, Also, a slow moving vehicle sign is required to be displayed on the rear of the Golf Cart

**Section 13 "Registration, Inspection and Fee Prior to Usage" is enacted to read as follows:**

1. Before driving on public roads, the Operator of a Golf Cart must have a valid Driver License issued by the State of Michigan or any other state.
2. All Golf Carts must meet the requirements or minimum standards as set forth above in this Ordinance.
3. A court may order any person to pay full restitution for any damage to the environment, a road, or public property damage as a result of any violation of this Chapter,

**Section 14 " Enforcement" is enacted to read as follows:**

Violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute a civil infraction.