

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF WILLIAMS CREEK, INDIANA**

**CHAPTER XI SECTION 9. AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF
GOLF CARTS WITHIN THE
TOWN OF WILLIAMS CREEK, INDIANA**

WHEREAS, the Town of Williams Creek is governed by its duly elected Town Council ("Council"); and,

WHEREAS, the Council has the responsibility and the duty to respond to requests from the residents of the Town who have requested the ability to operate golf carts within the Town limits; and,

WHEREAS, as a means to address the possible public safety concerns and desires of the residents, the Council finds that this Ordinance is appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL THAT:

APPLICATION

- (a) This Ordinance shall apply to the operation of golf carts on public roadways within the corporate limits of the Town of Williams Creek. Only operation pursuant to the conditions contained herein and I.C. 9-21-1-3.3 shall be permitted.

DEFINITION AND SPECIFICATIONS

- (b) "Golf Cart" shall be defined as an electric or gas vehicle that was originally designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and is not capable of exceeding speeds of 45 mph, and does not include ATVs or utility vehicles, Segways, scooters, or any other motorized vehicle.
- (c) Golf carts shall be equipped with a Slow Moving Vehicle sign, headlights, taillights, turn signals and a rear view mirror.
- (d) Only golf carts described, equipped and insured as described herein, shall be allowed to

operate within the Williams Creek Town limits.

OPERATION

- (e) Operators of golf carts within the Town limits must be at least 16 years of age, possess a valid driver's license and be insured by liability insurance in an amount not less than the minimum the State of Indiana requires for automobiles.
- (f) Operators of golf carts within the Town limits shall obey all Indiana traffic laws, yield the right of way to all pedestrians and bicycles and are only permitted to operate upon roadways at the speed limit posted on Town streets. The Town is hereby authorized to place all necessary signage for regulation and access on or across Town roadways.
- (g) This Ordinance shall not apply to operation upon private property.
- (h) Golf carts may not be operated on public roadways during inclement weather such as rain, fog, or when there is an accumulation of ice or snow on the ground.
- (i) A golf cart may only accommodate as many passengers as originally designed, and shall not be used to tow a person on a skateboard, rollerblades, sled or other conveyance except in the case of a golf cart designed with a hitch to tow a trailer that is equipped with taillights. All passengers shall remain seated during operation on Town streets.
- (j) Any violation of the conditions imposed by this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of \$150 per incident, as well as any fees associated with the enforcement of this Ordinance, which shall be processed by and paid to the Town of Williams Creek. Unpaid violations shall be referred to the local court or tribunal to whom Williams Creek has delegated enforcement actions.
- (k) This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect in accordance with Indiana Law upon its passage by the Town Council, its publication, and upon the passage of any applicable waiting period, all as provided by the laws of the State of Indiana. All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. Any portion of this Ordinance later deemed invalid or void shall not operate as to invalidate the remaining portions. All acts undertaken to create this Ordinance are hereby ratified.

