

TOWN OF CROTHERSVILLE
ORDINANCE NO. 2009-5
'AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
USE OF GOLF CARTS ON LOCAL STREET'

WHEREAS, The Indiana State Legislature as adopted statutes that allows local cities and towns to allow the use of golf carts on local roads and thoroughfares;

WHEREAS, the Crothersville Town Council may adopt rules and regulations for the health, safety and welfare of the community;

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Town Council of Crothersville, Indiana that:

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

(a) 'Golf Cart'—A vehicle with four wheels originally designed for operation on a golf course and powered by a battery or internal combustion motor.

(b) 'Utility Vehicle' (UTV)—A vehicle generally motorized, that is designed for a specific task and popularly referred to as a 'UTV'.

(c) 'Driver's License'—A valid license to operate a motor vehicle issued by Indiana or any other state.

(d) 'Financial Responsibility'—Liability insurance coverage on a golf cart or UTV in an amount not less than required by Indiana law for motor vehicles operated on public highways in the State of Indiana.

OPERATION OF GOLF CART

The operation of a golf cart within the Town of Crothersville is strictly prohibited unless the golf cart is operated and equipped in full compliance with this Chapter.

The operation of a UTV within the Town of Crothersville is strictly prohibited.

OPERATOR

Only persons over sixteen (16) years of age and holding a driver's license may operate a golf cart.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The financial ability of the operator or owner notwithstanding, the operator of a golf cart must show financial responsibility when operating said golf cart. Written proof of financial responsibility must be available either on the golf cart or carried by the operator at all times.

TIME OF OPERATION

Golf carts shall not be operated on town streets during one-half hour before sunset to one-half hour after sunrise.

PLACE OF OPERATION

Golf carts may only be operated on town streets. Golf carts may not be operated on sidewalks or on Highway 31 except to cross said highway at intersections in a path ninety (90) degrees to said highway.

OCCUPANTS

The number of occupants in a golf cart shall be limited to the number of persons for whom factory seating is installed and provided on the golf cart. The operator and all occupants shall be seated in the golf cart and no part of the body of the operator or occupant shall extend outside the perimeter of the golf cart while the golf cart is being operated.

TRAFFIC RULES

The operator of the golf cart shall comply with all traffic rules and regulations adopted by the State of Indiana and the Town of Crothersville which govern the operation of motor vehicles.

SEAT BELTS

For each occupant in a golf cart there must be a working seat belt. Said seat belts must be attached to the golf cart. Each occupant must wear the seat belt at any time the golf cart is used on local roads and streets.

SLOW MOVING VEHICLE SIGN

All golf carts must display on the back of the golf cart a 'slow moving vehicle' sign of the same type required under Indiana law.

REGISTRATION

Each golf cart which is intended to be used on local streets and roads must be registered with the Town of Crothersville Police before it may be used on local streets and roads. Once the Crothersville Police have inspected the vehicle and determined that the golf cart complies with all sections of this Chapter, the Crothersville Police shall issue a registration unique to the inspected golf cart. Said registration must remain on the golf cart at all times that the golf cart is used on local streets and roads. Said registration shall expire one (1) year after its issuance. A registration fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be paid at the time of the inspection.

PENALTY

A violation of any provision of this Chapter shall constitute a violation of the Crothersville Town Code. An owner, lessee or operator may be cited to appear in court of competent jurisdiction by issuance of an Indiana Uniform Traffic Ticket. Upon a finding by such court that an owner, lessee or operator of a golf cart or UTV has violated any provision of this Chapter, such person shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$200.00 for each offense along with Court costs in the amount same now exists or may hereafter be determined by ordinance or statute.

Adopted by the Town Council, Town of Crothersville, State of Indiana, on the 3rd day of November, 2009; the Clerk-Treasurer shall have this Ordinance published in its entirety. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after notice and publication, as prescribed by statute, and upon signage of golf cart crossings being placed along Highway 31.

Ardell Mitchell, President
Bill Nagle, Member
Karen Mains, Member

ATTEST:

NaLona Bush, Clerk-Treasurer

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