

**ORDINANCE NO. 74
TOWN OF GENEVA**

Ordinance to Regulate the Operation of a Golf Cart on Public Roads

The Town Board of the Town of Geneva, Walworth County, Wisconsin, does ordain Town of Geneva Ordinance No. 74 as follows:

Section 1. Registration: A bi-annual Town of Geneva use permit is required to operate a Golf cart on public roads within the limits of the Town. The fee for this permit shall be determined by the Town Board. Upon payment of fees, an operating permit shall be issued for a 2 year term. The permit sticker shall be applied to the cart and plainly visible on the front cowling of the cart. Golf Cart owners **MUST** provide proof of liability insurance in an amount not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to receive a permit.

Section 2. Operating Restrictions:

1. Golf Cart usage is only allowed on Town of Geneva roads with a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour or lower except as further provided herein. Usage is prohibited on County Highway H, Wisconsin Highway 50, McDonald Road or any other public road with posted speed limits exceeding 25 miles per hour.
2. No golf cart may be operated on Township roads before sunrise or after sunset.
3. No person under the age of 16 may operate any golf cart on any public roads. All legal operators will be required to have a valid driver's license. All passengers must be seated and seating is limited to two people per bench seat. No child is allowed on a golf cart operated on any public road if a child restraint seat is required by state or federal regulations for said child if said child was a passenger in an automobile.
4. Cart operators shall obey all posted road signs, i.e. Stop, Yield and Speed limit signs. Operators shall be subject to Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 346 "Rules of the Road" applicable to automobiles. Forfeitures for violations will be determined by those in effect for automobiles. In particular, the operator must be sober, open alcohol is not allowed on the cart and all riders must be seated.
5. Any golf cart which cannot attain a speed of 25 miles per hour must display a slow moving vehicle emblem as required by Section 347.245(1) Wis. Statutes.
6. No unattended golf cart is permitted on any public roadway while the motor is running or with the key in the ignition.
7. No person may operate a golf cart on a sidewalk, pedestrian walkway, in any park or any grassy area outside the roadway easement.

8. Golf Carts shall be operated on the extreme right side of the improved roadway and travel with the flow of traffic. Golf Carts shall be operated single file.

Section 3. Forfeiture. Operators violating any of the above restrictions will be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$1,000.00.

Section 4. Fees.

1. The biannual permit fee shall be \$25.00 which permit shall expire on December 31 of even years.
2. Fees for owners of a golf cart holding a valid driver's license plus a valid Handicapped Driver certificate shall be waived as long as the Handicapped certificate remains valid.

Section 5. Effective Date.

The passage of this Ordinance shall take effect from and after its adoption by the Town Board and its posting or publication thereof as required, pursuant to s. 60.80, Wis. Stat.

This Ordinance was (ADOPTED DENIED) this 10th day of December, 2012, by a vote of: ____ in favor ____ against ____ abstain:

_____ Absent Aye Nay Abstain Preside
Merle Loomer – Supervisor No.1

_____ Absent Aye Nay Abstain Preside
Jim Daily – Supervisor No.2

_____ Absent Aye Nay Abstain Preside
Gene Decker – Supervisor No.3

_____ Absent Aye Nay Abstain Preside
Steve Kukla – Supervisor No.4

_____ Absent Aye Nay Abstain Preside
Joseph F. Kopecky – Chairperson

_____ Attest
Debra L. Kirch – Clerk/Treasurer