

Town of St. Paul, Indiana

Ordinance No. 2024 - **12**

An Ordinance Providing Golf Cart Requirements

Whereas, **IC 9-21-1-3.3** states A city, county, or town may adopt by ordinance traffic regulations concerning the use of golf carts or off-road vehicles, or both on a highway under the jurisdiction of the city, county, or town.

Whereas, **IC 9-13-2-69.7** states "Golf Cart" means a four (4) wheeled motor vehicle originally and specifically designed and intended to transport one (1) or more individuals and golf clubs for the purpose of playing the game of golf on a golf course.

Whereas, **IC 9-13-2-94.5** states "Low Speed Vehicle" means a four (4) wheeled electrically powered motor vehicle:

(1) with a maximum design speed of not more than twenty-five (25) miles per hour;

(2) with operational and equipment specifications described in 49 CFR 571.500;

(3) that is equipped with:

(A) headlamps;

(B) front and rear turn signal lamps, tail lamps, and stop lamps;

(C) reflex reflectors;

(D) exterior or interior mirrors;

(E) brakes as specified in IC 9-19-3-1;

(F) a windshield;

(G) a vehicle identification number; and

(H) a safety belt installed at each designated seating position; and

(4) that has not been privately assembled as described in IC 9-17-4-1.

The term does not include a golf cart or an off-road vehicle.

Vehicles such as Golf Carts and Low-Speed Vehicles (LSVs), operated on any public highway or street, as defined under I.C. 9-13-2-73, must be registered with the state and bear current license plates. *By statute, *Municipal owned vehicles are exempt.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ST. PAUL, INDIANA:

Section 1: Inside the Town of St. Paul, the following elements are required to operate a properly registered golf cart:

1. **A valid driver's license or be at least 16 years and 180 days of age and hold an Indiana Identification card.**

1. Drivers are subject to the same motor vehicle operational requirements as if in an automobile.

2. **Anyone who fails to meet the requirements of this section is prohibited from driving a Golf Cart or Low-Speed Vehicle on a public highway or street within the corporate limits of the Town..**
2. All golf carts must always have proof of insurance in the golf cart during the operation of golf cart in the corporate limits.
3. All golf carts must be equipped with headlamps, taillights and brake lights that are in working order.
4. All golf carts must be equipped with a rear-view mirror, and a slow-moving vehicle sign.
5. While in operation, such golf cart must carry no more passengers than they were designed to carry, and all passengers must always be seated.
6. While operating a golf cart within the corporate limits any operator must abide by all traffic laws in the operation of said golf cart.
7. As a Courtesy, "Please Yield" to faster moving vehicles.
8. Any person who wishes to operate a golf cart in the Town of St. Paul must register the golf cart and have said golf cart inspected at the St. Paul Police Department.
9. An annual registration fee of \$10.00 (Ten Dollars) will be charged and the registration must always be with the golf cart.
10. Registration will expire on the 30th of April at midnight of current year. May 1st 12:01am will begin a new year for the registration.
11. Please place the sticker issued by the Town on the windshield or front bumper, where it is visible.

Section 2: Transferring ownership

- Anyone that purchases a golf cart that is already registered, must re-register the golf cart in their name.
- The new owner shall complete the Golf Cart Check List under Section 3.
- New registration slip completed in their name.
- **No need to issue a new sticker if the one on cart is current.**

Section 3: Golf Cart Check List

- Driver's License or State issued ID
- Proof of Insurance
- Headlamps
- Taillights
- Brake Lights
- Rear View Mirror
- Slow Moving Vehicle Sign

Section 4: Golf Cart Violations

1. Ordinance Violations
 1. \$25 for the first violation.
 2. \$50 for the second violation.
 3. \$100 for the third violation.
 4. If a person is cited for a violation of this ordinance more than three times, the registration shall be revoked and said golf cart shall be no longer be allowed to operate on streets, roads or alleys within the Town of St. Paul.
 5. Unregistered golf carts operated on the roadways are a violation of state law and are subject to the provisions of the Indiana Traffic Laws including towing, impoundment and the operator being summoned to the appropriate court of law.
2. Traffic and Criminal Violations (such as failure to signal turn, speeding, OWI) are subject to the sanctions as if operating an automobile.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after adoption by the Town Council of the Town of St. Paul, Indiana.

Adopted this 5th day of NOVEMBER, 2024, by the Town Council of St. Paul, Indiana, during its NOVEMBER, 2024 meeting at the Civic Center, St. Paul, Indiana

Town Council President

Town Council Member

Town Council Member



Kimberly Livingston

Attest:



Clerk Treasurer