

LUDLOW ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LUDLOW,
KENTUCKY, CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTIONS §70.65
THROUGH §70.99 GOLF CART REGULATIONS.**

WHEREAS, KRS 189.286 was enacted by the Kentucky General Assembly, which authorizes the use of golf carts on certain city streets; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ludlow, Kentucky, adopted the provisions of KRS 189.286 through Ordinance 2012-22, and;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LUDLOW,
KENTUCKY:**

SECTION I

That the Ludlow City Council hereby approves and adopts the following amendments to Section §70.65 - §70.90 Golf Cart Regulations:

GOLF CART REGULATIONS

§ 70.65 DEFINITIONS.

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

CITY STREET. Shall include all public streets and throughfares located within the city limits of the City of Ludlow but shall not include any state routes or state thoroughfares.

GOLF CART. Any self-propelled vehicle that:

(1) Is designed for the transportation of players or maintaining equipment on a golf course, while engaged in the playing of golf, supervising the play of golf, or maintaining the condition of the grounds on a golf course;

(2) Has a minimum of four (4) wheels;

(3) Is designed to operate at a speed of not more than thirty-five (35) miles per hour;

(4) Is designed to carry not more than six (6) persons, including the driver;

(5) Has a maximum gross vehicle weight of two thousand five hundred (2,500) pounds;

(6) Has a maximum rated payload capacity of one thousand two hundred (1,200) pounds; and

(7) Is equipped with the following:

a. Headlamps;

- b. Tail lamps;
- c. Stop lamps;
- d. Front and rear turn signals;
- e. One (1) red reflex reflector on each side as far as to the rear as practicable, and one (1) red reflex reflector on the rear;
- f. An exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or an interior mirror;
- g. A parking brake;
- h. For each designated seating position, a seatbelt assembly that conforms to federal motor vehicle safety standard provided in 49 C.F.R. sec. 571.209; and
- i. A horn that meets the requirements of KRS 189.080; and
- j. Meets the federal motor vehicle safety standards for low-speed vehicles set forth in 49 C.F.R. § 571.500;

PERMIT. A permit authorized to be issued under this section, issued by the Permitting Authority upon receipt of an application developed by the City Administrative Officer and receipt of payment of the permitting fee, for a period not to exceed one year.

PERMITTING AUTHORITY. The Chief of Police, City Clerk, or City Administrative Officer.

PERMITTING FEE. The amount of \$75 per year, which shall be due and payable prior to the issuance of any Permit. This permitting fee is designed to cover the additional costs to administer the permitting program, and to cover the costs of enforcing this subchapter. The golf cart permit must be purchased each year on or before December 31st and will be valid through December 31st of the following year. The cost of the golf cart permit will not be prorated.

(Ord. 2012-15, passed 9-13-2012; Am. Ord. 2012-22, passed 12-13-2012)

§ 70.66 GOLF CART OPERATION REQUIREMENTS.

The City of Ludlow hereby establishes the following requirements and regulations concerning the operation of golf carts on city streets.

(A) No person shall operate a golf cart on any city street, except in strict compliance with the requirements of this subchapter.

(B) No person shall operate a golf cart on any city street without having obtained a permit and paid the permitting fee as required by this subchapter.

(C) Any person operating a golf cart on any city street must display a sticker or permit issued by the [e]City of Ludlow, which identifies that the golf cart is allowed to be operated on specific roadways within the city.

(D) All golf carts that are to be operated on city streets must be initially inspected by [the City of Ludlow Police Department] a certified inspector designated by the county sheriff and certified through the Department of Vehicle Regulation to ensure that the golf cart complies with the requirements of KRS 189.286. The inspection fee shall not exceed five dollars (\$5) with an additional fee not to exceed ten dollars (\$10) per trip charged if it becomes necessary for the certified inspector to travel to the side of the golf cart rather than having the golf cart brought to the sheriff's inspection area. The inspection results shall be submitted by the applicant for a permit at the time of application for the Permit under this subchapter.

(E) Golf carts may only be operated on city streets that have a posted speed limit of twenty (20) miles per hour or less. No operator of a golf cart may cross a roadway at an intersection where the roadway being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

(F) All persons operating a golf cart on city streets under this subchapter must have a valid operator's license in his or her possession.

(G) Golf carts may only be operated on city streets between sunrise and sunset.

(H) All golf carts to be operated on city streets must display a slow-moving vehicle emblem in compliance with KRS 189.820.

(I) All golf carts to be operated on city streets shall be insured in compliance with KRS 304.39-080 by the owner or operator, and the proof of insurance shall be inside the golf cart at all times of operation on a public roadway.

(J) Any person operating a golf cart[s] on city streets shall be subject to the traffic regulations of KRS Chapter 189 and any other applicable provisions of this code of ordinances pertaining to the operation of vehicles upon city streets.

(K) All golf carts operating on city streets shall be equipped with rear view mirrors, properly functioning lights (including brake lights, head lights, and turn signals) and properly functioning brakes.

(Ord. 2012-15, passed 9-13-2012; Am. Ord. 2012-22, passed 12-13-2012) Penalty, see § 70.99.

§ 70.67 EXEMPTIONS.

(A) A golf cart operating on a public roadway under this subchapter is not considered a motor vehicle and is exempt from:

- (1) Title requirements of KRS 186.020;
- (2) Vehicle registration requirements of KRS 186.050; and
- (3) Emissions compliance certificates pursuant to KRS 224.20-720.

(B) The provisions of this subchapter shall not apply to a golf cart that is not used on a public roadway except to cross a roadway while following a golf cart path on a golf course.

(Ord. 2012-15, passed 9-13-2012; Am. Ord. 2012-22, passed 12-13-2012)

§ 70.99 PENALTY.

(A) Whoever violates any provision of this traffic code where no other penalty is provided shall be fined not less than \$25, nor more than \$500.

(B) A late payment penalty of \$25 shall be charged for any ticket violation not paid within five days.

(C) Any person violating the provisions of § 70.65 through 70.67, except 70.66(B) shall, upon conviction of a first offense, be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$250. Any person convicted of a subsequent violation of § 70.65 through 70.67 within two years of a prior conviction under § 70.65 through 70.67 other than a violation of § 70.66(B), or a first violation of § 70.66(B) shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than \$250 nor more than \$500. Any person convicted of a subsequent violation of § 70.66(B) within two years of a prior conviction under § 70.65 through 70.67 shall be fined not less than \$300 nor more than \$500 and/or imprisoned not more than 30 days.

(Ord. 1-1998, passed 7-9-1998; Am. Ord. 2012-15, passed 9-13-2012; Am. Ord. 2012-22, passed 12-13-2012; Am. Ord. 2016-6, passed 10-13-2016)

SECTION II

All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

SECTION II

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, publication and recording, which may be in summary form, according to law.

Passed by the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF LUDLOW, KENTUCKY

Chris Wright, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

First Reading: _____ Second Reading: _____ Publication: _____