

**VILLAGE OF LAWTON
COUNTY OF VAN BUREN
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2021

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
USE OF GOLF CARTS ON VILLAGE STREETS**

At a regular meeting of the Village Council for the Village of Lawton, Michigan, held virtually from the Lawton Village Hall in Lawton, Michigan, on the 23rd of February 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: All

ABSENT: None

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Turner, supported by Councilperson G. Dudek

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Village of Lawton (the "Village") has adopted the Michigan Vehicle Code, Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1949, as amended, MCL 257.1 et seq. (the "Vehicle Code").

WHEREAS, Section 675a of the Vehicle Code authorizes Villages with a population of fewer than 30,000 individuals, based on the 2010 decennial census, to allow the operation of golf carts on Village streets by resolution.

WHEREAS, the Village has a population of fewer than 30,000 individuals based on the 2010 decennial census.

WHEREAS, the Village desires to permit the operation of golf carts on its streets in accordance with the provisions of MCL 257.657a, during the hours set forth therein, for any year that this resolution shall be in effect.

NOW, IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT:

1. Pursuant to MCL 257.657a, the Village shall allow the operation of golf carts on Village streets in accordance with the provisions of MCL 257.657a, during the hours set forth therein, for any year that this resolution shall be in effect.
2. A person shall not operate a golf cart on any street unless he or she is at least 16 years old and is licensed to operate a motor vehicle.

3. The operator of a golf cart shall comply with the signal requirements of section 648 that apply to the operation of a vehicle. (Hand signals are OK)
4. A person operating a golf cart upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.
5. A golf cart shall not be operated on a sidewalk constructed for the use of pedestrians.
6. A golf cart shall be operated at a speed not to exceed 15 miles per hour and shall not be operated on a highway or street with a speed limit of more than 30 miles per hour except to cross that highway or street.
7. Golf carts must display a slow-moving vehicle sign.
8. Occupants must adhere to vehicle seating capacity.
9. A golf cart shall not be operated on the streets of the Village of Lawton during the time period from ½ hour before sunset to ½ hour after sunrise.
10. As used in this section, “golf cart” means a vehicle designed for transportation while playing the game of golf.
11. Operators of golf carts on Village streets are charged with the responsibility of knowing the restrictions and regulations contained in Section 657a. Crossing of the State Trunk Line (Highway M-40) must occur at the most direct line of crossing. No crossing shall occur at Union Street, Second Street, or Third Street.
12. This resolution shall no longer be in effect after March 1, 2022, unless reauthorized by the Village Council.
13. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded.

THIS RESOLUTION, is hereby approved by roll call vote:

YEAS: Council Members: All

NAYS: Council Members: None

ABSTAIN: Council Members: None

ABSENT: Council Members: None

ADOPTED this 23rd day of February 2021.

VILLAGE OF LAWTON

BY: 
Paul Knudstrup, Village President

BY: 
Joni Bell, Village Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Joni Bell, the duly appointed Clerk of the Village of Lawton, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Lawton Village Council at a regular meeting held February 23, 2021, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, the minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

VILLAGE OF LAWTON

BY: 
Joni Bell, Village Clerk