

CITY OF PETERSBURG
ORDINANCE NO. 16-0002

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 42 AND NO. 43 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 300, PUBLIC ACT OF 1949, AND TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE OR CONTRARY TO THIS ORDINANCE.

THE CITY OF PETERSBURG ORDAINS:

A. OPERATION OF GOLF CART ON VILLAGE, CITY OR TOWNSHIP STREETS.

Section 1. A village or city having a population of fewer than 30,000 individuals based upon the 2010 decennial census may by resolution allow the operation of golf carts on the streets of that village or city, subject to the requirements of this section. A township having a population of fewer than 30,000 individuals based upon the 2010 decennial census may by resolution, unless disapproved by the county board of commissioners under subsection (3), allow the operation of golf carts on the streets of that township, subject to the requirements of this section.

Section 2. If a village, city, or township allows the operation of golf carts on the streets of that village, city, or township, that village, city, or township may require those golf carts and the operators of those golf carts to be recorded on a list maintained by that village, city, or township. A village, city, or township shall not charge a fee for listing golf carts or the operators of those golf carts.

Section 3. A county board of commissioners may, by resolution, disapprove the operation of golf carts on the streets of a township located within that county if the county board of commissioners conducts a hearing and determines that 1 or more of the following apply:

- (a) The operation of golf carts on the streets of that township would cause significant environmental damage.
- (b) The operation of golf carts on the streets of that township would cause a significant concern of public safety.

Section 4. The county board of commissioners shall provide public notice of a hearing under subsection (3) at least 45 days before the hearing is conducted. The county board of commissioners shall also provide written notice of a hearing under subsection (3) to the township at least 45 days before the hearing is conducted.

Section 5. 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.

Section 6. The operator of a golf cart shall comply with the signal requirements of section 648 that apply to the operation of a vehicle.

Section 7. 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.

Section 8. A person shall not operate a golf cart on a state trunk line highway. This subsection does not prohibit a person from crossing a state trunk line highway when operating a golf cart on a street of a village, city, or township, using the most direct line of crossing.

Section 9. Where a usable and designated path for golf carts is provided adjacent to a highway or street, a person operating a golf cart may, by local ordinance, be required to use that path.

Section 10. A person operating a golf cart shall not pass between lines of traffic, but may pass on the left of traffic moving in his or her direction in the case of a 2-way street or on the left or right of traffic in the case of a 1-way street, in an unoccupied lane.

Section 11. A golf cart shall not be operated on a sidewalk constructed for the use of pedestrians.

Section 12. 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. A village, city, or township may, by resolution, designate roads or classifications of roads for use by golf carts under this subsection.

Section 13. A golf cart shall not be operated on the streets of a city, village, or township during the time period from 1/2 hour before sunset to 1/2 hour after sunrise.

Section 14. A person operating a golf cart or who is a passenger in a golf cart is not required to wear a crash helmet.

Section 15. This section does not apply to a police officer in the performance of his or her official duties.

Section 16. A golf cart operated on a street of a village, city, or township under this section is not required to be registered under this act for purposes of section 3101 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3101.

Section 17. As used in this section, "golf cart" means a vehicle designed for transportation while playing the game of golf. A golf cart is not required to meet the vehicle safety requirements of a low-speed vehicle for approval under this section.

B. OPERATION OF VEHICLE OR BICYCLE; SIGNALS FOR STOPPING OR TURNING; SIGNAL LAMP OR MECHANICAL SIGNAL DEVICE ON COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE; VIOLATION AS A CIVIL INFRACTION.

Section 1. The operator of a vehicle or bicycle upon a highway, before stopping or turning from a direct line, shall first determine that the stopping or turning can be made in safety and shall give a signal as required in this section.

Section 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5), a signal required under this section shall be given either by means of the hand and arm in the manner specified in this section, or by a mechanical or electrical signal device that conveys an intelligible signal or warning to other highway traffic.

Section 3. When a person is operating a vehicle and signal is given by means of the hand and arm, the operator shall signal as follows:

- (a) For a left turn, the operator shall extend his or her left hand and arm horizontally.
- (b) For a right turn, the operator shall extend his or her left hand and arm upward.
- (c) To stop or decrease speed, the operator shall extend his or her left hand and arm downward.

Section 4. When a person is operating a bicycle and signal is given by means of the hand and arm, the operator shall signal as follows:

- (a) For a left turn, the operator shall extend his or her left hand and arm horizontally.
- (b) For a right turn, the operator shall extend his or her left hand and arm upward or shall extend his or her right hand and arm horizontally.
- (c) To stop or decrease speed, the operator shall extend his or her left hand and arm downward.

Section 5. A commercial motor vehicle, other than a commercial motor vehicle in transit from a manufacturer to a dealer, in use on a highway shall be equipped with, and required signal shall be given by, a signal lamp or mechanical signal device when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the left outside limit of the body, cab, or load of the commercial motor vehicle exceeds 24 inches, or when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the rear limit of the body or load of the commercial vehicle exceeds 14 feet. The measurement from steering post to rear limit applies to a single vehicle or combination of vehicles.

Section 6. A person who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction.

- C. SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 42 AND NO. 43 AND ALL OTHER SECTIONS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS AMENDMENT SHALL BE AND ARE HEREBY REPEALED.
- D. THE CLERK IS DIRECTED TO CAUSE A SUMMARY OF THIS ORDINANCE TO BE PUBLISHED IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE CITY AS SOON AS PRACTICAL.
- E. THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT TWENTY (20) DAYS AFTER FINAL PASSAGE.

I hereby certify that this Ordinance was duly adopted by the Petersburg Council on the _____ day of _____, 2016.

Leanne Goodin
Petersburg City Clerk

Date