

VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
GOLF CART RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Village of Fruitport allows the use of golf carts on the Village's public streets, pursuant to Michigan State law, MCL 257.657a. Any Village resident wishing to use a golf cart on the Village's public streets must:

1. Register the golf cart and operator with the Village of Fruitport.
2. No person shall operate a golf cart on any street unless he/she is at least 16 years old and is licensed to operate a motor vehicle.
3. The operation of the golf cart shall comply with the signal requirements of MCL 257.648 that apply to the operation of a vehicle.
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 person shall not operate a golf cart on Third Avenue or Pontaluna Road. This does not prohibit a person from crossing Third Avenue or Pontaluna Road when operating a golf cart on a Village street, using the most direct line of crossing.
6. Where a usable and designed 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.
7. 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.
8. A golf cart shall not be operated on a sidewalk constructed for the use of pedestrians.
9. 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.
10. A golf cart shall not be operated on the streets of the Village during the time period from ½ hour before sunset to ½ hour after sunrise.
11. A person operating a golf cart or who is a passenger in a golf cart is not required to wear a crash helmet.
12. A "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.

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Golf Cart Registration Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone No _____
Date of Birth: _____

Description of Golf cart: _____

List other drivers' names, addresses, telephone numbers; dates of birth: _____

I acknowledge receipt of copies of the Village of Fruitport's Golf Cart Rules and Regulations and MCL 257.648.

Dated: _____

Signature

MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 300 of 1949

257.648 Operation of vehicle or bicycle; signals for stopping or turning; signal lamp or mechanical signal device on commercial motor vehicle; violation as civil infraction.

Sec. 648. (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.

(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.

(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.

(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.

(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.

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

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