

# **Town of Stanfield Golf Cart Ordinance - 2009 #4 Sept**

## **Section 1. Policy Statement**

This Ordinance is adopted in the interest of public safety. Golf carts, hereinafter “cart(s)”, are not designed or manufactured to be used on public streets and roads, hereinafter “street(s)”, and the Town of Stanfield in no way advocates or endorses their operation on streets. The Town, by regulating such operation is merely addressing safety issues. This Ordinance is not to be relied upon as a determination that operation on streets is safe or advisable even if done in accordance with this Ordinance. All persons operating golf carts must be observant of, and attentive to the safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. All persons who operate or ride carts on streets inside the Town of Stanfield do so at their own risk and peril. The Town of Stanfield has no liability under any theory of liability, for permitting carts to be operated on streets under the special legislation granted by the State Legislature, but governed by this Ordinance.

## **Section 2. Rules and Regulations**

Carts may only be operated on streets within the Town of Stanfield in accordance with the following rules and regulations.

- 1- Any person who operates a cart in the Town of Stanfield takes full responsible for all liability associated with operating the cart.
- 2- Any person who operates a cart must be at least sixteen (16) years of age or older.
- 3- Carts may be driven on streets only from dawn to dusk, unless the cart is equipped with manufactured headlights, turn signals, and brake lights that have been approved by the Chief of Police.
- 4- Carts may only be driven on streets inside the Town of Stanfield with a posted speed limit of 25 mph or less or marked golf cart crossings. All other areas of the Town limits are prohibited.
- 5- Carts must be equipped with a rear vision mirror and at least two rear reflectors. Red rear reflectors must be at least three (3) inches in height and at least three (3) inches in width.
- 6- Any person who operates a cart on the streets in the Town of Stanfield must adhere to all applicable State laws, concerning the possession and use of alcoholic beverages, and all other illegal drugs, as well as all other state traffic laws.
- 7- Cart drivers must yield the right-of-way to overtaking vehicles, at all times.

- 8- (a) The maximum occupancy of carts traveling on streets will be one person per bucket seat or two people per bench seat.  
(b) Children must be properly seated while cart is in motion and may not be transported in a negligent manner.
- 9- Carts are not allowed to be driven on any sidewalks in the Town of Stanfield, unless otherwise designated by proper signage approved by the Town Council.
- 10-Carts are only allowed to park in handicapped parking spaces if the driver or at least one passenger has a valid handicap parking sticker.
- 11-All carts operated on the streets must have a valid permit sticker from the Stanfield Police Department. A yearly fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per cart will be charged by the Stanfield Police Department for this permit sticker and to cover the costs of implementing and maintaining this Ordinance. The Stanfield Police Chief retains the right to refuse to issue and/or revoke any permit sticker from any cart at any time for any reason that he/she feels is appropriate to ensure the safety and well being of the citizens of the town of Stanfield.
- 12-Golf Cart owners must complete the attached registration form. The completed forms will be maintained by the Stanfield Police Department. The Stanfield Police Department will issue visible proof of compliance that must be attached to the driver's side of the cart.
- 13-Any act constituting a violation of this Ordinance or failure to comply with any of its requirements shall subject the offenders to civil penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), plus the court costs and attorney fees incurred by the Town. If the offenders fail to pay the penalty within ten (10) days of receiving final written notice of violation, the penalty may be recovered by the Town in a civil action in the nature of debt. Repeat offenders may have the privileges granted by this Ordinance revoked by the Stanfield Police Chief and/or the Town Council.
- 14-In all cases the Stanfield Police Chief and/or the Town Council, and/or their designee must approve the use of carts on streets in the Town of Stanfield.
- 15-The above fees and requirements may be waived for a temporary time frame (up to five days) by the Stanfield Police Chief and/or the Town Council or their designee for events being held within the Town of Stanfield.
- 16-The Stanfield Police Department's interpretation of the above rules and regulations are final.

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