

ORDINANCE O5-2009

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
WANATAH, INDIANA, REGULATING THE OPERATION OF
GOLF CARTS ON THE PUBLIC WAYS WITHIN THE TOWN
OF WANATAH.**

WHEREAS, the Town Council for the Town of Wanatah is the legislative body of the Town of Wanatah, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council for the Town of Wanatah is desirous of promoting, preserving and protecting the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Wanatah by regulating the operation of golf carts of the Town streets of the Town of Wanatah.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council for the Town of Wanatah, as follows:

GOLF CARTS

SECTIONS:

SECTION 10.20.010:	Definitions
SECTION 10.20.020:	Operation of Golf Cart
SECTION 10.20.030:	Operator
SECTION 10.20.040:	Financial Responsibility
SECTION 10.20.050:	Time of Operation and Lights
SECTION 10.20.060:	Place of Operation
SECTION 10.20.070:	Occupants
SECTION 10.20.080:	Traffic Rules
SECTION 10.20.090:	Slow Moving Vehicle Sign
SECTION 10.20.100:	Penalties
SECTION 10.20.110:	Exclusions

SECTION 10.20.010: Definitions. For the purpose of this Chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

- (a) “Golf Cart” – A vehicle with four (4) wheels originally designated for operation on a golf course and powered by a battery or internal combustion motor.
- (b) “Driver’s License” – A valid license, issued by Indiana or any other State, to operate a motor vehicle.

- (c) “Financial Responsibility” – Liability insurance coverage on a Golf Cart in an amount not less than required by applicable Indiana law for motor vehicles operated on public highways within the State of Indiana.

SECTION 10.20.020: Operation of Golf Cart. The operation of a Golf Cart within the Town of Wanatah is strictly prohibited unless said Golf Cart is operated and equipped in full compliance with all of the terms and conditions set forth in this Chapter.

SECTION 10.20.030: Operator. Only persons over sixteen (16) years of age who hold a valid Driver’s License may operate a Golf Cart upon the streets, roadways, intersections and alleys located within the Town of Wanatah.

SECTION 10.20.040: Financial Responsibility. The operator of a Golf Cart must be able to show Financial Responsibility when operating a Golf Cart. Written proof of Financial Responsibility must be available either by placing the same on the Golf Cart or via carrying by the operator of said Golf Cart at all times.

SECTION 10.20.050: Time of Operation and Lights. Golf carts operated during darkness from dusk to dawn, or during inclement weather, when headlamps are necessary for other motor vehicles, must be equipped with and use headlights and taillights visible from a distance of no less than 500 feet.

SECTION 10.20.060: Place of Operation. A Golf Cart may be operated on the streets, roadways and alleys of the Town of Wanatah which have a posted speed limit of thirty (30) miles per hour or less, or at and through intersections of such streets, roadways and alleys. A Golf Cart may not, in any circumstances, be operated on sidewalks or along national or state highways located within the Town of Wanatah; provided, however, that a Golf Cart may be operated through intersections with national or state highways located within the Town of Wanatah.

SECTION 10.20.070: Occupants. The number of occupants in a Golf Cart shall be limited to the number of persons for whom factory seating is installed. The operator of a Golf Cart and all occupants of said Golf Cart shall be seated in said Golf Cart and no part of the body of the operator or any occupant shall extend outside the perimeter of said Golf Cart while said Golf Cart is being operated.

SECTION 10.20.080: Traffic and Parking Rules. The operator of a Golf Cart shall comply with all traffic and parking rules and regulations adopted by the City or the State of Indiana which govern the operation and parking of motor vehicles.

SECTION 10.20.090: Slow Moving Vehicle Sign. A Golf Cart must display a “slow moving vehicle” sign on the rear of said Golf Cart. Said sign shall be of the same type required under applicable Indiana law.

SECTION 10.20.100: Penalties. A violation of any provision of this Chapter shall constitute a violation of Section 1 – 12 of the Code of Local Ordinances for the Town of Wanatah, and be subject to penalties as contained therein.

SECTION 10.20.110: Exclusions. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Chapter, the terms and provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to any Golf Cart operated on the following streets and roadways located within the Town:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF WANATAH, INDIANA on July 1, 2009.

Charles D. Jonas, President

Jeffrey L. Newburn, Vice President

Larry A. Sellers, Member

Harry E. Bernstein, Member

Paul A. Young, Member

ATTEST:

Stephen E. Mockler, Clerk/Treasurer

Upon passage, said ordinance is to be filed and incorporated within the Town Code for the Town of Wanatah, Indiana as Sec___