

**CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. 150**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE, WASHINGTON
REGULATING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS (OR SIMILAR VEHICLES) ON
PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Liberty Lake desires to regulate the use of Golf Carts to enhance the health, safety and welfare of its citizens;

WHEREAS, through RCW 46.08.020 the Legislature has authorized the City to enact traffic regulations within the City of Liberty Lake; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Liberty Lake finds that providing minimum use and operational requirements for Golf Carts, to include but not be limited to, age limits, lighting and other safety equipment will likely protect persons and property from injury and annoyance and promote the safe use of such vehicles and property under the jurisdiction and control of the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Liberty Lake, do ordain as follows:

Section 1. **New Chapter.** There is hereby added to the City of Liberty Lake City Code a new Chapter 3 in Title 7 to be known as "Operation of Golf Carts".

Section 2. **New Section.** There is hereby added to the Liberty Lake Municipal Code in Title 7, entitled "Operation of Golf Carts", a new section identified as Section 7-3-1, to read as follows:

7-3-1 Definitions. The following definitions shall be used in this ordinance. Where a word or term is undefined reference shall be to RCW Title 46.

- A. "Golf Cart" is defined as a motorized vehicle with three or four wheels that is not designed to be operated at a speed of more than twenty five miles per hour (25 m.p.h.), whose purpose can include, but is not limited to, the playing of golf and is generally designed to carry persons including the driver.
- B. "Street" means the entire right of way width including the sidewalk (if present) and between the curb boundary lines and shoulder or swale of public property when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of pedestrian, bicycle or vehicular travel including parking.

Section 3. **New Section.** There is hereby added to the Liberty Lake Municipal Code in Title 7, entitled "Operation of Golf Carts", a new section identified as Section 7-3-2, to read as follows:

7-3-2 Requirements and Restrictions. The following use, operational requirements and restrictions are adopted by the City for Golf Carts.

A. Operators of Golf Carts shall adhere to all rules of the road applicable to motorized vehicles forth in RCW Title 46.61 and WAC Chapters 308-330.

B. A Golf Cart may be operated on a street by persons who are:

(1) At least sixteen (16) years of age and possess a valid driver's license; or

(2) "Underage operators" defined as follows:

a person 12, 13, 14 or 15 years old accompanied in the front seat by a parent, grandparent or legal guardian or by a person who has possessed a valid driver's license for at least five (5) years.

No person under 12 years of age may drive a Golf Cart.

C. Golf Carts shall not be operated on a street in a negligent manner. For the purpose of this subsection, "to operate in a negligent manner" is defined as the operation of a Golf Cart in such a manner as to endanger any person or property, or to obstruct, hinder, or impede the lawful course of travel of any motor vehicle or the lawful use by any pedestrian of public streets, sidewalks, paths, trails, walkways, or parks.

D. Golf Carts shall not be operated on a street during one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise unless in compliance with RCW 46.37 regarding vehicle lighting and other equipment, including equipping the Golf Cart with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear of a type approved by the state patrol which shall be visible from all distances up to six hundred feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful low beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector. A light emitting diode flashing taillight visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear may also be used in addition to the red reflector.

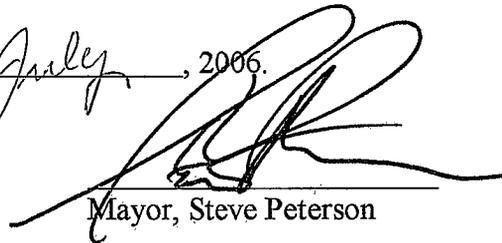
Section 4. **New Section.** There is hereby added to the Liberty Lake Municipal Code in Title 7, entitled "Operation of Golf Carts", a new section identified as Section 7-3-3, to read as follows:

7-3-3 Penalty for Noncompliance. Upon a determination that a violation of this ordinance has occurred, law enforcement officers may pursuant to RCW Chapter 7.80 issue a Class I civil infraction with a fine not to exceed \$250.00 to any included person, including parent or guardian found in violation of the provisions of this ordinance. If a underage operator is found to be using or operating a golf Cart in violation of this ordinance, such matter and infraction will be referred to Spokane County Juvenile Court.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication of this Ordinance or a summary thereof in the official newspaper of the City as provided by law.

Passed by the City Council this 18th day of July, 2006.



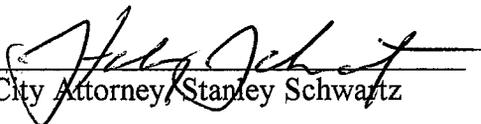
Mayor, Steve Peterson

ATTEST:



City Clerk – Treasurer, Arlene Fisher

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney, Stanley Schwartz

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