

**ORDINANCE NO O-14-2019**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF FORT THOMAS; PROVIDING FOR INSPECTION AND CITY PERMIT AND STICKER; ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS AND REQUIRED EQUIPMENT; HOURS OF OPERATION; AND, AGE AND OPERATOR'S LICENSE.

WHEREAS, KRS 189.286 authorized the use of golf carts on designated city streets;

WHEREAS, KRS 189.286 authorized the City to regulate the operation of a golf cart in the City by the adoption of an ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF FORT THOMAS, CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

**SECTION I**

“Golf cart” is defined in KRS 189.286.

**SECTION II**

Each golf cart must have the following equipment:

1. Headlamps;
2. Tail lamps;
3. Stop lamps;
4. Front and rear turn signals;
5. One (1) red reflex reflector on each side as far to the rear as practicable, and one (1) red reflex reflector on the rear;
6. An exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the golf cart and either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the golf cart or an interior mirror;
7. A parking brake;
8. For each seat, a seatbelt assembly that conforms to the federal motor vehicle safety standard provided in 49 C.F.R. sec 571.209;
9. A horn that meets the requirements of KRS 189.080;
10. A slow-moving vehicle emblem in compliance with KRS 189.820; and,

**SECTION III**

The owner of a golf cart shall be required to:

1. Have the golf cart inspected by the Campbell County Sheriff;
2. Obtain a permit and windshield sticker from the City of Fort Thomas for a fee of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars each year. The permit and sticker are valid from May 1<sup>st</sup>

- of each year to April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. The golf cart must display the sticker on its windshield; and,
3. Insure the golf cart in compliance with KRS 304.39-080 and proof of insurance shall be inside the golf cart at all times.

#### **SECTION IV**

A person may operate a golf cart on a public roadway if:

1. The golf cart does not exceed a speed of thirty (30) miles per hour;
2. The posted speed limit of the roadway is thirty (30) miles per hour or less;
3. A driver may not cross the roadway at an intersection where the roadway being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than thirty-five (35) miles per hour;
4. A driver may not cross the roadway at an intersection where the roadway being crossed has a posted speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour, except at the following intersections: Highland Avenue and Grand Avenue, Pentland and Grand Avenue, Woodfill and U.S. 27/Alexandria, and Grandview and U.S. 27/Alexandria Pike.
5. The operator has a valid operator's license in his/her possession and is nineteen (19) years of age or older;
6. The golf car is only be operated between sunrise and sunset: and,
7. The head lights and tail lights are on during operation.

#### **SECTION V**

The golf cart and its occupants must comply with the Noise Ordinance of the City of Fort Thomas.

#### **SECTION VI**

Any person operating a golf cart on a public road shall be subject to the traffic regulations of KRS Chapter 189.

#### **SECTION VII**

A golf cart may only be parked on hard surface pavement in parking spaces and in parking spaces designated by the City in its parks. It may not be parked on City sidewalks.

#### **Section VIII**

The driver of a golf cart must drive in the right hand lane unless making a left hand turn. If the golf cart is slowing the normal flow of traffic, the golf cart driver must yield to vehicles, where possible.

#### **SECTION IX**

All ordinances, resolutions or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

**SECTION X**

That this Ordinance shall be in effect, when read, passed, and published according to law.

**APPROVED:**

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**Eric Haas, Mayor**

**1st Reading:** September 3, 2019

**Adopted:** September 16, 2019

**Published:** September 26, 2019

**ATTEST:**

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**Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk**