

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-17

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 77 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Portland, Indiana that Chapter 77, golf carts is hereby amended to add the following section:

Section 77.10 Registration and Fee

All golf carts which are operated on a city street shall be registered with the City annually, except as herein provided, with the Portland Police Department. The Police Department shall inspect and register each golf cart to confirm that it complies with all requirements of this Ordinance and educate the owner regarding applicable traffic rules. Upon being registered, a registration sticker shall be issued by the City and the sticker shall be affixed to the rear of the golf cart in a location which is clearly visible at all times.

A registration fee of \$10.00 shall be charged annually for all privately owned golf carts operated on a city street of Portland. All registrations shall be renewed annually January 1st and shall expire on December 31st of the following year. Privately owned golf carts that were registered in 2022 remain valid until April 30, 2023. Fees collected shall be deposited into the Police Continuing Education Fund.

Section 77.11 Reciprocity

This section shall apply to anyone who has received a permit to operate a golf cart in conjunction with a recognized special event or festival. A person who operates a golf cart within the City limits of Portland that displays a valid registration issued by the organizer of a recognized special event or festival shall not be required to pay a registration fee to the City of Portland on the following conditions:

- (A) The organizer of the special event or festival seeks the prior approval of the City Council for reciprocity for their event or festival, annually;
- (B) The registration requirements for the issuance of a registration or permit of the special event or festival contain, at a minimum, the requirements set out in Sections 77.03-77.09 of this Ordinance;
- (C) The organizer of the special event or festival shall educate owners prior to the issuance of any registration or permit on the traffic rules regarding golf cart operation within the City of Portland;
- (D) The special event or festival registration or permit shall be affixed to the golf cart in a location that is clearly visible at all times;
- (E) The organizer of the special event shall provide a copy of the required registration information for all of the permits that it issues to the Chief of Police or his designee; and,
- (F) The reciprocity shall not exceed the duration of the registration or permit of the special event or festival.

Section 77.12 Penalty for Non-Registration

Any person found to be operating a privately owned golf cart on a city street that is not registered pursuant to Section 77.10, above, shall be subject to a fine of \$50 for the first violation and an additional \$25 for each subsequent violation over the next 12 months.

77.99 Penalty

A violation of any provision of this chapter, except a violation of 77.10, shall constitute a violation of the Portland City Code. An owner, lessee or operator may be cited to appear in a court of competent jurisdiction by issuance of an Indiana uniform traffic ticket. Upon a finding by such court that an owner, lessee or operator has violated any provision of this chapter, except a violation of 77.10, such person shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$200 for each offense along with court costs in the amount the same now exists or may hereafter be determined by ordinance or statute.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Portland, Indiana on this 19th day of December, 2022.