

**ORDINANCE OF THE  
TOWN OF STANTONSBURG,  
NORTH CAROLINA  
ESTABLISHING A GOLF CART ORDINANCE**

**Whereas**, the Town Council of the Town of Stantonburg does hereby find and determine that the establishment of a golf cart ordinance is necessary to address the interest of public safety. Golf carts are not designed or manufactured to be used on public streets and roads, and the Town of Stantonburg does not advocate or endorse the operation of golf carts on public roadways. By regulating such operation, the Town is merely trying to address obvious safety issues, and adoption of this Ordinance is not to be relied upon as a determination that operation on roads is safe or advisable if done in accordance with this Ordinance. All persons who operate or ride upon golf carts on roads do so at their own risk and peril, and must be observant of, and attentive to the safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The Town of Stantonburg bears no liability for permitting carts to be operated on roads. Any person who operates a cart is responsible for procuring liability insurance sufficient to cover the risk involved in using a cart on the roads of the Town of Stantonburg.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Stantonburg, North Carolina that the following Golf Cart Ordinance be approved, and reads as follows:

- A. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this ordinance shall be to establish a Golf Cart Ordinance within the Town of Stantonburg to promote the health, safety and welfare of persons operating golf cart(s) within the Town.
- B. **DEFINITIONS:** For the purpose of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings.
  - a) **Golf Cart:** A vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 MPH without modification.
  - b) **Driver's License:** A valid license issued to operate a motor vehicle issued by North Carolina or any other state.
  - c) **Financial Responsibility:** Liability insurance coverage on a golf cart in an amount not less than required by North Carolina law for motor vehicles operated on public highways in the State of North Carolina.

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d) Operate: To drive or be in physical control of a golf cart that is moving or has its engine on.

e) Operator: One who operates a golf cart.

#### Section 1. Rules and Regulations

a) Golf carts shall be driven on roads only from dawn to dusk unless the golf cart is equipped with two operating headlights (one on each side of the front of the golf cart) and two operating taillights with brake lights (one on each side of the rear of the golf cart) which are visible from a distance of 500 Feet.

b) All Golf Carts must be electric powered only. Gasoline powered golf carts shall not be operated on public roads.

c) Golf carts must be equipped with rear vision mirror and a rear reflective triangle of the same type required by North Carolina Law for slow moving vehicles.

d) Golf cart operators must have a valid driver=s license and proof of financial responsibility.

e) Golf cart operators shall stay to the far right of the traveled portion of the road and yield the right-of-way to overtaking vehicles. Operators are required to use hand signals at all times while the golf cart is in motion.

f) The number of occupants in a golf cart shall be limited to the number of persons for whom individual seating is installed and provided on the golf cart. The operator and all occupants shall be seated in the golf cart and no part of the body of the operator or occupant shall extend outside the perimeter of the golf cart while the golf cart is in motion.

g) All applicable State Laws shall be adhered to, including those applicable to the possession and use of alcoholic beverages.

h) The operator of the golf cart shall comply with all traffic rules and regulations adopted by the State of North Carolina and the Town of Stantonsburg governing the operation of motor vehicles.

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- i) Golf cart operators shall adhere to all traffic flow patterns and shall operate on the right side of the roadway.
- j) Golf carts shall not be operated on sidewalks.
- k) Golf carts shall not be operated on private property without the permission and consent of the property owner.
- l) No golf cart shall be operated on Hwy 58, except for crossing the highway at a proper intersection. No golf cart shall be operated on Main St./Hwy 222, thirty (30) minutes after sunset (Dark) until thirty (30) minutes before sunrise (Daylight) except crossing at a proper intersection, even if equipped with night driving requirements.

Section 2: Inspection and Fees

- a) No person shall operate a golf cart without a vehicle permit issued by the Stantonsburg Police Department. Any person who operates a golf cart in the Town of Stantonsburg and fails to receive and properly display a Town of Stantonsburg Permit/Sticker shall be in violation of this ordinance.
- b) Permits/Stickers will be issued annually following inspection by the Stantonsburg Police Department and are valid from July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The following fees shall apply:
  - 1. Inspection by Police department                      Annual Fee\*  
(Includes Permit/Sticker)
  - 2. Re-inspection by Police Department              Annual Fee\*  
(If a cart fails the initial inspection)
- c) Lost or Stolen Permit/Stickers are the responsibility of the owner. A police report must be filed in the event of a Lost or Stolen Permit/Sticker. The Chief of Police will have the discretion in determining whether a Permit/Sticker shall be re-issued in this instance. If no record can be found of a previous application, or the receipt of a Permit/Sticker, the Chief of Police shall direct the applicant to reapply, and also resubmit any and all fees necessary, before a replacement Permit/Sticker is issued.
- d) Golf cart owners must complete a registration form and a waiver of liability form approved by the Chief of Police or his designee and provide

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proof of liability insurance prior to the golf cart being inspected. The completed forms and proof of insurance will be maintained by the Stantonsburg Police Department.

Section 3: Enforcement:

- a) It shall be the policy of the Stantonsburg Police Department to issue a uniform citation against any person the officer has probable cause to believe has violated this Ordinance.
- b) The Chief of Police, or his designee, shall prohibit the operation of golf carts on any street or road if he determines that the prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety.

Section 4: Penalty:

Any act constituting a violation of this ordinance or a failure to comply with any of its requirements shall subject the offender, upon conviction, guilty of a misdemeanor, and subject to a fine not to exceed \$50.00. Each day that any of the provisions of this ordinance is violated shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 5: Severability:

If any section, subsection, sentence or term of this Ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is adjudged unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of any remaining portion of the Ordinance or its application to any other person or circumstance.

The foregoing ordinance, having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this 8 day of April, 2024.


Ayes: 5

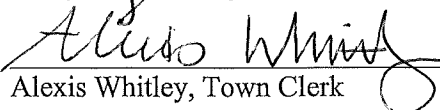
Noes: 0

Absent or Excused: 0

Dated: 4-8-24

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Coley Rhodes, Mayor

  
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Alexis Whitley, Town Clerk

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