

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, KENTUCKY  
ORDINANCE NO. 21-01  
AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING LOW SPEED VEHICLE TRAVEL  
AND ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS  
FOR GOLF CARTS USE ON PUBLIC STREETS

WHEREAS, The City Council has been requested to review and consider the use of Golf Carts on city streets,

AND WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed Kentucky Law and Municipal Law for the regulation and restriction of these low speed vehicles pursuant to requirements of KRS 189.286,

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Northfield does hereby adopt the following policy:

SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply for the purposes of this policy.

**APPROVED STREET(s)** – Streets where LSV or golf cart travel is allowed.

**CITY** - The City of Northfield, Kentucky.

**LSV (Low Speed Vehicle)** - Any self-propelled vehicle that:

- Has a minimum of four (4) wheels;
- Is designed to operate at a speed of not more than thirty-five (35) miles per hour;
- Is designed to carry not more than six (6) persons, including the driver;
- Has a maximum gross vehicle weight of two thousand five hundred (2,500) pounds;
- and
- Has a maximum rated payload capacity of one thousand two hundred (1,200) pounds.

**Golf Cart** - Any self-propelled vehicle that:

- Has a minimum of four (4) wheels;
- Is designed to operate at a speed of not more than twenty (20) miles per hour;
- Is designed to carry not more than six (6) persons, including the driver;
- Has a maximum gross vehicle weight of two thousand five hundred (2,500) pounds;
- and
- Has a maximum rated payload capacity of one thousand two hundred (1,200) pounds.

**HIGHWAY** -Any public road, street, avenue, alley or boulevard, bridge, viaduct, or trestle and the approaches to them and includes private residential roads and parking lots covered by an agreement under KRS 61.362, off-street parking facilities offered for public use, whether publicly or privately owned, except for-hire parking facilities listed in KRS 189.700.

**MOTOR VEHICLE** - Includes all vehicles except:

- Road rollers;
- Road graders;

- Farm tractors;
- Vehicles on which power shovels are mounted;
- Construction equipment customarily used only on the site of construction and which is not practical for the transportation of persons or property upon the highways;
- Vehicles that travel exclusively upon rails; and
- Vehicles propelled by muscular power.

**OPERATOR** - The person in actual physical control of a vehicle.

**ROADWAY** - That portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the berm or shoulder.

**VEHICLE** -- Includes:

- All agencies for the transportation of persons or property over or upon the public highways of the Commonwealth; and
- All vehicles passing over or upon the highways.

**SECTION 2: ROADWAYS OPEN FOR LSV OR GOLF CART USE.**

1. The roadways subject to the provisions of this section are those portions of the public roads within the City, which are on the north side of US 42 and included in the following list of Approved Streets:
  - Baylor Court,
  - Baylor Drive,
  - Fox Creek Court,
  - Glenview Avenue,
  - Harwood Road,
  - Jenness Court,
  - Keewood Court,
  - Lime Ridge Court,
  - Lime Ridge Place,
  - Newmarket Drive,
  - Northfield Court,
  - Northfield Drive,
  - Rodes Court,
  - Rodes Drive,
  - Stannye Court,
  - Stannye Drive, and
  - Wynnewood Circle.
2. However, the Mayor, or the Mayor's designee, is hereby granted the authority to determine if a particular Street, road or section thereof should be withdrawn from the scope of this section in the interest of public safety, and, upon such a determination its removal from the list of Approved Streets shall be effective upon approval by the City

Council.

SECTION 3: OPERATION OF LSVs AND GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS.

A person may operate an LSV or golf cart on an Approved Street if:

1. The posted speed limit of the City street is thirty-five (35) miles per hour or less;
2. The operator has a valid operator's license in his or her possession;
3. The LSV or golf cart displays a slow-moving vehicle emblem (a fluorescent yellow-orange triangle with a dark red reflective border) in compliance with KRS 189.820;
4. The operator and all passengers use all safety equipment with which the LSV and golf cart is equipped; and
5. No more than the maximum number of occupants for which the LSV or golf cart is designed are onboard.

SECTION 4: QUALIFICATIONS FOR OPERATION OF LSVs AND GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS.

1. An LSV or Golf Cart operating on a City street shall be insured in compliance with KRS 304.39-080 by the owner or operator, and the proof of insurance shall be inside the vehicle at all times of operation on a City street.
2. Any person operating an LSV or golf cart on a City street shall be subject to the traffic regulations of KRS Ch. 189.
3. An LSV operated on a City street shall:
  - a. Prior to seeking a City permit, be inspected by a certified inspector designated by the County Sheriff and certified through the Department of Vehicle Regulation to ensure that the LSV complies with the requirements of KRS 189.286. The inspection fee under this section shall not exceed five dollars (\$5) with an additional fee not to exceed ten dollars (\$10) per trip charged if it becomes necessary for the certified inspector to travel to the site of the LSV rather than having the LSV brought to the Sheriff's inspection area;
  - b. Be issued a sticker or permit for the LSV by the City, and
  - c. Display the permit or sticker issued by the City on the front of the vehicle that identifies that the LSV is allowed to be operated on Approved Streets.
4. A golf cart operated on a City street shall:
  - a. Prior to seeking a City permit, be inspected by a certified inspector designated by the County Sheriff and certified through the Department of Vehicle Regulation to ensure that the golf cart complies with the following requirements. The inspection fee under this section shall not exceed five dollars (\$5) with an additional fee not to exceed ten dollars (\$10) per trip charged if it becomes necessary for the certified inspector to travel to the site of the golf cart rather than having the golf cart brought to the Sheriff's inspection area;
    - a. Inspection Requirements:
      - i. Has a minimum of four (4) wheels;

- ii. Is designed to operate at a speed of not more than twenty (20) miles per hour;
  - iii. Is designed to carry not more than six (6) persons, including the driver;
  - iv. Has a maximum gross vehicle weight of two thousand five hundred (2,500) pounds; and
  - v. Has a maximum rated payload capacity of one thousand two hundred (1,200) pounds.
  - vi. Is equipped with the following
    - 1. Headlamps;
    - 2. Tail lamps;
    - 3. Stop lamps;
    - 4. One (1) red reflex reflector on each side as far to the rear as practicable, and one (1) red reflex reflector on the rear;
    - 5. An exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or an interior mirror;
    - 6. A parking brake;
    - 7. A horn that meets the requirements of KRS 189.080
- b. Be issued a sticker or permit for the golf cart by the City, and
  - c. Display the permit or sticker issued by the City on the front of the vehicle that identifies that the golf cart is allowed to be operated on Approved Streets.
5. The fee for an initial permit or sticker for an LSV or golf cart from the City shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25). A permit shall be valid until the first day of *March* of the following year. The fee for a renewal permit or sticker from the City shall be fifteen dollars (\$15).

**SECTION 5: PENALTY.**

- 1. Operating an LSV or golf cart in violation of any provision of this chapter is a civil offense and as such may be addressed by the City. Any peace officer or citation officer may issue a citation for the violation of any provision of this chapter. Any person violating a provision of this chapter shall receive a civil fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Any person who violates any provision of this chapter two (2) or more times within a twelve (12) month period shall receive a civil fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Any person who receives a citation for violation of this chapter may contest the citation by sending written request for a hearing to the City to the address listed on the citation within seven (7) days of receipt of the citation.

- Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to relieve any person of any legal duties or obligation created by any other statute or ordinance. Promulgation of this chapter does not preclude legal enforcement by any peace officer or traffic control officer of any provision in the Kentucky Revised Statutes, including the prohibition against operating an unlicensed or unregistered motor vehicle on the public roads of the Commonwealth unless that motor vehicle falls within the exceptions created by this chapter or any other existing law, ordinance or regulation in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance will take effect upon adoption and publication according to law.

First Reading: April 26, 2021

Second Reading: June 28, 2021

Adopted: June 28, 2021

*Randolph L. Chappell*  
Mayor

Attest:  
*Phyllis Onachilla*  
Clerk

Those in Favor: 6

Those Opposed: 0