

Notice to the Public: The Village of Northport Council adopted the following Ordinance 97 at its Regular meeting held May 4, 2023.

Joni L. Scott, Clerk

ORDINANCE 97

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE USE AND OPERATION OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES

THE VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT ORDAINS:

Section One. Definitions

1. "Low Speed Vehicle" shall mean golf cart, lawn mower, or Low Speed Vehicle as defined in MCL§257.25b when operating on upon any roadway in the Village.
2. "Operator" shall mean an individual, at least sixteen (16) years of age, possessing a valid driver's license.
3. "Street, Roadway, Alley or Public right-of-way" shall mean all public ways under the jurisdiction of the village and the section of M-201 that runs through the village as allowed by MDOT Golf Cart Corridor Permit.
4. The M-201 Golf Cart Corridor is defined as all areas of M-201 that are within the village and that have a speed limit of 25mph or less.
5. "Village" shall mean the Village of Northport, Leelanau Township, Leelanau County, Michigan.

Section Two. General Regulations

- A. Compliance with Uniform Traffic Code and Chapter 111 – Michigan Vehicle Code. All Low-Speed vehicles operated on the public ways of the Village shall comply with the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships and Villages as promulgated by the director of State Police which is adopted by reference and is made a part of this Ordinance as if fully set forth in this Ordinance. All persons operating low speed vehicles [~~except bicycles,~~] on the public ways of the Village shall possess a current valid motor vehicle operator's license.
- B. Operation on Roadway. A person operating a low-speed vehicle [~~or moped~~] shall drive as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction. Low Speed Vehicles shall not be operated on a sidewalk constructed for the use of pedestrians, or on the grass in public parks other than Haserot Park.

Section Three. Lights

All Low Speed Vehicles, including animal drawn vehicles, implements of husbandry, road machinery, road rollers, and farm tractors, not otherwise required under this Ordinance to be equipped with head or rear lamps, shall at the times specified herein below be equipped with at least one (1) lighted lamp exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the front of the vehicle and with a lamp exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear of the vehicle.

Lights, as above set forth, shall be required at any time from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise and at all other times when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernable persons of vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.

Section Four. Occupant

A Low-Speed Vehicle shall not be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

This ordinance shall take effect after adoption and publication

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk of the Village of Northport hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of an attachment to the minutes of a regular meeting of the village Council, Village of Northport, Leelanau County, Michigan, held on May 4 2023 at which meeting all members were present and voted as indicated in said minutes.

Joni L. Scott, Northport Village Clerk