

# Village of Caledonia

Village Council Approved 05.13.19

## Golf Cart Registration

Decal# \_\_\_\_\_ Locate on the right front of the cart on windshield or upper cowl

Michigan Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Other authorized driver(s):

Michigan Driver's License # (Primary other driver) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Make \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Gas or Electric \_\_\_\_\_ VIN \_\_\_\_\_

Photo attached

Current proof of insurance received  Minimum coverage of 300,000.00.

Village listed as additional insured

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Denied/Revoked (reason \_\_\_\_\_)

Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_ \*Registration expires December of issue year & shall be renewed annually

I have received, read and understand Village of Caledonia O18-22 Ordinance to Regulate the Operation and Use of Golf Carts in the Village & MCL257.648 and will abide by this and the applicable regulations: the Michigan Vehicle Code and Uniform Traffic Code.

I hereby certify that I am the rightful owner of this golf cart and, as such, agree to be responsible for proper care and operation of same.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA**  
**COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN**

At a regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Caledonia, Kent County, Michigan, held at the Village Hall, 250 South Maple Street, Caledonia, Michigan, on the 12th day of November, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members: Erskine, Hahn, Grinage, Lindsey, VanGessel, Scholl

ABSENT: Members: None

The following Ordinance was offered by Member VanGessel and seconded by Member Hahn:

**ORDINANCE NO. 018-22**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE OPERATION AND  
USE OF GOLF CARTS IN THE VILLAGE**

THE VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 5.8 Golf Carts is hereby added to Chapter 5 of the Village of Caledonia Regulatory Ordinance to read in its entirety as follows:

**Section 5.8 Golf Carts**

(1) **Purpose.** These regulations are intended to secure the public peace, health and safety of the residents and property owners of the Village of Caledonia for the regulation of the use of golf carts on public roads within the corporate limits of the Village, to provide for the issuance of decals in connection with the registration of golf carts, and to provide penalties for the violation of these provisions.

(2) **Definitions.**

(a) *Decal* means the sticker displayed on the front of every registered golf cart within the Village, which are obtained by completing and submitting the proper registration form to the Village.

(b) *Driver license* means an operator's or chauffeur's license or permit issued to an individual by the Secretary of State under Chapter III of the Michigan Vehicle Code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.301 to MCL 257.329, as amended, for that individual to operate a vehicle, whether or not conditions are attached to the license or permit.

(c) *Golf cart* means a vehicle designed for transportation while playing the game of golf.

(d) *Maintained portion* means that portion of a road improved, designated or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic.

(e) *Operate* means to ride in or on, or be in actual physical control of the operation of the golf cart.

(f) *Operator* means a person who operates or is in actual physical control of the operation of a golf cart.

(g) *Registration* means the process through which every person intending to operate a motorized golf cart on roads or streets within the Village must follow.

(h) *Street* means a road, roadway, street or right-of-way within the Village of Caledonia street system, but does not include a private road. The terms road, roadway, street and right-of-way are interchangeable.

(i) *Sunset* and *sunrise* mean that time determined by the National Weather Service on any given day.

(j) *Village* means the Village of Caledonia, County of Kent, State of Michigan.

(3) **Operation of Golf Carts on Village Streets.** A person may operate a golf cart on Village streets, subject to the following restrictions:

(a) A person shall not operate a golf cart on any street unless he or she is at least 16 years old and is licensed to operate a motor vehicle.

(b) The operator of a golf cart shall comply with the signal requirements of MCL 257.648, as amended, that apply to the operation of a vehicle.

(c) All golf carts are required to have a red reflector on the rear of the golf cart that shall be visible from all distances up to 500 feet when in front of lawful low beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle.

(d) The operator of a golf cart shall obey by all sections pertaining to traffic in the Michigan Vehicle Code and the Uniform Traffic Code.

(e) A person operating a golf cart upon a roadway shall ride 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.

(f) A person shall not operate a golf cart on a state trunk line highway. This subsection does not prohibit a person from crossing a state trunk line highway when operating a golf cart on a street of the Village, using the most direct line of crossing.

(g) Where a usable and designated path for golf carts is provided adjacent to a road or street, a person operating a golf cart shall be required to use that path. A golf cart shall not be operated on a sidewalk constructed for the use of pedestrians.

(h) A person operating a golf cart shall not pass between lines of traffic, but may pass on the left of traffic moving in his or her direction in the case of a two-way street, or on the left or right of traffic, in an unoccupied lane, in the case of a one-way street.

(i) A golf cart shall be operated at a speed not to exceed 15 miles per hour and shall not be operated on a roadway or street with a speed limit of more than 30 miles per hour except to cross that roadway or street. The Village may designate roads or classifications of roads for use by golf carts.

(j) A golf cart shall not be operated on the streets of the Village during the time period from one-half hour before sunset to one-half hour after sunrise.

(k) A person operating a golf cart or who is a passenger in a golf cart is not required to wear a crash helmet.

(l) A golf cart shall not be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

(m) A golf cart operated on a street of the Village is not required to be registered under this Act for purposes of Section 3101 of the Insurance Code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3101, as amended.

(n) A golf cart shall not be operated during inclement weather or with snow and/or ice on the ground.

(o) Golf carts shall not be operated on a road or street in a negligent manner, endangering any person or property, or obstructing, hindering, or impeding the lawful course of travel of any motor vehicle or the lawful use by any pedestrian of public streets, sidewalks, paths, trails, walkways or parks.

(p) Off-road vehicles, such as Gators, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), a multitrack or multi-wheel drive vehicle, dune buggy, or like-vehicles are not considered golf carts.

(q) This section does not apply to a police officer, Village officials, employees, contractors or volunteers in the performance of Village duties.

(4) **Parking Regulations.** The parking, stopping, and standing regulations provided in the Village Ordinance Code, which are adopted by reference therein, shall also apply to golf carts operated in the Village, as if they are motor vehicles under those provisions.

(5) **Registration and Decals.**

(a) Golf cart owners shall register each golf cart on an annual basis by making application to the Village. Such application shall include a photograph of the golf cart and proof of insurance as a rider to a homeowner's or renter's policy, or in any other form of policy selected by the applicant, for coverage of personal injury or property damage resulting from operation of the subject golf cart. The minimum amount of coverage shall be no less than \$300,000.00, and the Village shall be named as an additional insured. The Village shall review and approve or deny each application, and a list of registered golf carts shall be maintained by the Village Manager or Clerk.

(b) A fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) shall be charged for the registration of a golf cart. The Village Council may, from time to time, revise the fee amount or otherwise change the fee by adopting a resolution to amend the fee. Each approved golf cart shall be issued a registration decal. The golf cart owner shall affix each decal provided by the Village on the front of the golf cart. The decal shall be valid for one year.

(c) Failure to register a golf cart or renew an existing registration shall constitute a violation of this article.

(d) The Village retains the right to refuse to issue and/or revoke any registration decal from any golf cart for any reason that is felt appropriate to ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of the Village.

(e) Any police officer (including a deputy sheriff) or authorized Village official may temporarily suspend any registration decal, and ban further access on any public street or public property by any golf cart, when in the opinion of that officer or official the golf cart is being used in a manner to cause damage to public property or members of the public.

**(6) Violations and Penalties.**

(a) Any person violating any provisions of this Section shall be responsible for a civil infraction. The penalty for the first offense shall be \$100.00. For any subsequent or repeat offense, the fine shall be \$250.00.

(b) A court may order a person who causes damage to the environment, a road, or other public property as a result of the operation of a golf cart to pay full restitution for that damage above and beyond the penalties paid for civil infractions.

Section 2. **Publication/Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after the publication of a summary of its provisions in a local newspaper of general circulation in the Village.

AYES:           Members:   Erskine, Hahn, Grinage, Lindsey, VanGessel, Scholl

NAYS:           Members:   None

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

/s/ Sandra Stelma  
Sandra Stelma, Village Clerk  
Village of Caledonia

STATE OF MICHIGAN     )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF KENT        )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Caledonia at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

/s/ Sandra Stelma  
Sandra Stelma, Village Clerk  
Village of Caledonia

**Village of Caledonia**  
Kent County, Michigan  
250 S Maple St, Caledonia MI 49316

**R19-05 Elimination of \$10 Fee for Golf Cart Registration**

Members Present: Grinage, Erskine, Hahn, Soest, Lindsey, VanGessel, Neil

Members Absent: None

WHEREAS, the Village of Caledonia approved an ordinance in 2018 that included a 410 registration fee; and

WHEREAS, public input has suggested amendments to the registration and application process, including concerns about the fee; and

WHEREAS, a review of the Michigan Vehicle Code, 257.657 a (2) finds that a fee cannot be charged for listing golf carts, and

WHEREAS, although the Village Attorney finds support for a Registration Fee, Village staff suggest a high likelihood of future confusion on this definitional point; and

WHEREAS, less public confusion is important for continued good administration of the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Village of Caledonia Village Council hereby finds the higher public purpose is to eliminate the Golf Cart Registration fee effective immediately,

MOTION by Van Gessel, second by Hahn, to approve elimination of the \$10 Golf Cart Registration Fee. Roll Call requested:

Yeas: Erskine, Hahn, Soest, VanGessel, Neil

Nays: Lindsey, Grinage

Motion carried: 5-2

I, Ryan Cotton, Village of Caledonia Interim Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Caledonia at a regular meeting thereof held on the 13th day of May, 2019.

  
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Ryan Cotton, Interim Clerk

5/21/19  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Michigan Legislature - Section 257.648

### MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE (EXCERPT) Act 300 of 1949

#### **257.648 Operation of vehicle or bicycle; signals for stopping or turning; signal lamp or mechanical signal device on commercial motor vehicle; violation as civil infraction.**

Sec. 648.

(1) The operator of a vehicle or bicycle upon a highway, before stopping or turning from a direct line, shall first determine that the stopping or turning can be made in safety and shall give a signal as required in this section.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5), a signal required under this section shall be given either by means of the hand and arm in the manner specified in this section, or by a mechanical or electrical signal device that conveys an intelligible signal or warning to other highway traffic.

(3) When a person is operating a vehicle and signal is given by means of the hand and arm, the operator shall signal as follows:

(a) For a left turn, the operator shall extend his or her left hand and arm horizontally.

(b) For a right turn, the operator shall extend his or her left hand and arm upward.

(c) To stop or decrease speed, the operator shall extend his or her left hand and arm downward.

(4) When a person is operating a bicycle and signal is given by means of the hand and arm, the operator shall signal as follows:

(a) For a left turn, the operator shall extend his or her left hand and arm horizontally.

(b) For a right turn, the operator shall extend his or her left hand and arm upward or shall extend his or her right hand and arm horizontally.

(c) To stop or decrease speed, the operator shall extend his or her left hand and arm downward.

(5) A commercial motor vehicle, other than a commercial motor vehicle in transit from a manufacturer to a dealer, in use on a highway shall be equipped with, and required signal shall be given by, a signal lamp or mechanical signal device when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the left outside limit of the body, cab, or load of the commercial motor vehicle exceeds 24 inches, or when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the rear limit of the body or load of the commercial vehicle exceeds 14 feet. The measurement from steering post to rear limit applies to a single vehicle or combination of vehicles.

(6) A person who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction.

**History:** 1949, Act 300, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949 ;-- Am. 1954, Act 181, Eff. Aug. 13, 1954 ;-- Am. 1958, Act 166, Eff. Sept. 13, 1958 ;-- Am. 1974, Act 334, Imd. Eff. Dec. 17, 1974 ;-- Am. 1978, Act 510, Eff. Aug. 1, 1979 ;-- Am. 2014, Act 1, Imd. Eff. Jan. 28, 2014