

# Village of Caledonia

Applications must allow a minimum of 10 days for review

## Golf Cart Registration

Decal# \_\_\_\_\_ Locate on the right front of the cart on windshield or upper cowl. Must be visible from front.

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

Owners Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Gas or Electric \_\_\_\_\_ VIN if Available \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ New photo attached every year  
\_\_\_\_\_ Minimum coverage of 300,000.00.

\_\_\_\_\_ Current proof of insurance received  
\_\_\_\_\_ Village listed as additional insured

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_

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

***\*Registration expires December 31<sup>st</sup> of issue year & it is owners' responsibility to renew annually.***

I have received, read, understand and will abide by Section 5.8 of the Village Code regarding Golf Carts in the Village, Section MCL257.648 of the Michigan Vehicle Code and the applicable regulations of the Michigan Uniform Traffic Code.  
Initial \_\_\_\_\_

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 11th day of December, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members: Lindsey, Miller, Erskine, Hahn, Niles, Schuler, and Soest.

ABSENT: Members: None.

The following Ordinance was offered by Member Miller and seconded by Member Soest:

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-10**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 5.8 OF THE VILLAGE CODE REGARDING  
GOLF CARTS**

THE VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 5.8 of the Village Code of the Village of Caledonia is hereby amended by the amendment of Section 5.8, 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's 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 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 golfcart 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 as a "motor vehicle" under 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) The owner of a golf cart shall not knowingly permit the golf cart to be operated by a person under the age of 16 or by a person who is not licensed to operate a motor vehicle. The owner of a golf cart shall not knowingly permit the golf cart to be operated in violation of this section. It is presumed that the golf cart is being driven with the knowledge and consent of the owner if it is driven at the time of a violation by his or her spouse, father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, or other immediate member of the family.

(r) 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) 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) The owner of a golf cart shall also be responsible for any violations of this Ordinance by an operator of a golf cart, if the owner granted permission for the operator to operate the golf cart or knowingly permitted the operator to operate the golf cart. It is presumed that the golf cart is being driven with the knowledge and consent of the owner if it is driven at the time of a violation by his or her spouse, father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, or other immediate member of the family.

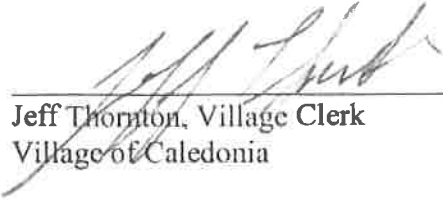
(c) A court may order a person who causes damage to the environment, a road, or other public property as a result of the operation of a golf cart to pay full restitution for that damage above and beyond the penalties paid for civil infractions.

Section 2. **Publication/Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication of the Ordinance or a summary thereof in a local newspaper of general circulation.

AYES: Members: Lindsey, Miller, Erskine, Hahn, Niles, Schuler, and Soest.

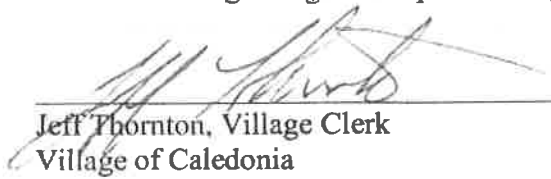
NAYS: Members: None.

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

  
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Jeff Thornton, 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.

  
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Jeff Thornton, Village Clerk  
Village of Caledonia

# 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