



**Dear Clear Lake Resident,**

As a resident with a registered golf cart, the Town of Clear Lake would like to take a moment to address complaints the Town Hall is receiving about underage unlicensed drivers (Operators), and children under 10 years of age in the back seat with out a seat belt.

The rules and regulations are located on the form when your golf cart was registered, are posted on the Town Website, published in the Directory, posted on the Clear Lake Bulletin Board, published in the Clear Lake Association Newsletter, the monthly Town Newsletter, and most recently in a Reach Alert.

The Ordinance pertaining to the operation of a golf cart states in part:

§ 71.16 OPERATION.

(B) The operator of a golf cart on a public street within the corporate limits of the town must have a valid driver's license issued by the State of Indiana, or any of the State of the United States of America.

(E) Any occupant who is under the age of ten years and seated in any rear seat while a golf cart is in operation shall wear a properly installed seat belt.

The Towns Marshal and Deputy Marshals enforce this ordinance and are actively making sure golf cart owners are following the rules to ensure the safety of all residents and visitors. Please see the Ordinance below regarding violations and penalties.

§ 71.32 VIOLATIONS.

Violation of the provisions of I.C. 14-16-1-1 through 14-16-1-30, or violation of the provisions of this subchapter, by any person operating an off-road vehicle upon the town street system shall be subject to sanctions and penalties set forth in I.C. 14-16-1-29 and this Chapter 71 of the code of ordinances.

(Ord. 2013-03, passed 5-13-13)

§ 71.99 PENALTY.

(A) A violation of the provisions of §§ 71.10 through 71.16 shall be considered a Class C infraction and shall result in fines and penalties as follows: first offense **\$50 fine**, second offense **\$75 fine**, each additional offense **\$100 fine**. Additionally, if three or more violations of §§ 71.10 through 71.16 occur within one calendar year, the registration of the golf cart, whether annually or daily, shall be **suspended** and the owner or operator of the golf cart shall not be eligible for another registration for one calendar year from the date of suspension.

(B) Any fees or fines collected under §§ 71.10 through 71.16 shall be deposited in the Town of Clear Lake General Fund. (Ord. 2009-06, passed 11-9-09)

To continue this service, we ask that all registered golf cart owners adhere to the Ordinance so that everyone can continue to enjoy the lake and the privileges that allow the use of golf carts in a safe manner.

If you have not already done so, please sign up for Reach Alert at [www.reachalert.com](http://www.reachalert.com) or by calling 877-307-9313. Directions can also be found on Page 10 of the directory.

Let's all continue to enjoy a fun safe summer here at Clear Lake.

Thank you, Clear Lake Town Marshal,

Chris Emerick



## **Golf Cart Regulations and Application Town of Clear Lake**

### **Requirements for registration:**

- must have valid driver's license of primary state of residence
- must show proof of insurance for property damage and also personal liability of at least \$100,000

### **To be on Town of Clear Lake roads, golf carts must have:**

- sticker issued by Town of Clear Lake after registration and inspection (\$40.00 for 2-year permit or \$10.00 per day permit)
- a slow moving vehicle emblem attached to the rear of the golf cart
- red or amber flashing lamp on the back of the golf cart
- headlamps will be required if operated after sunset
- equipped with a rearview mirror and factory seating where occupancy does not exceed recommendations of golf cart manufacturer
- all passengers under the age of 10 will be required to ride in the front seat next to the driver
- all passengers will be required to stay seated while the golf cart is in motion
- permit allows carts to be driven on Town of Clear Lake roads only, excludes all county roads (i.e.: CR 700 E).
- golf carts can be driven at a maximum speed of 10 mph

**\*\*\*\*All Rules and Regulations Pursuant to Indiana State Codes\*\*\*\***