



# PERMIT APPLICATION FOR GOLF CARTS and RECREATIONAL OFF-ROAD VEHICLES

Owner must complete all areas on top of form and take to Hobart Police Department along with vehicle for inspection. Hobart Police Department will inspect vehicles only on specific dates/times. Please check website at [www.cityofhobart.org](http://www.cityofhobart.org) for inspection schedule.

**Annual Permits are required April 1 each year. Permits will not be pro-rated for a portion of a year. PERMITS ISSUED MUST BE AFFIXED TO REAR OF VEHICLE.**

PLEASE PRINT:

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

VIN Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Golf Cart: \_\_\_\_\_ Off-Road Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read and understand the rules and regulations of the use of Golf Carts and Recreational Off-Road Vehicles in the City of Hobart.*

Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## VEHICLE INSPECTION INFORMATION: *To be completed by a Hobart Police Officer:*

**Golf Cart Inspection:**

Prior Issued Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

VIN#: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Seats/Occupants permitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Factory Headlights: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 operating required

Factory Tail Lights: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 operating required

Factory Brake Lights: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 required/visible 500 feet

Proof of Financial Responsibility (Insurance): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *Satisfactory*      \_\_\_\_\_ *Unsatisfactory*

Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge # \_\_\_\_\_

**Recreational Off-Road Vehicle Inspection:**

Prior Issued Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

VIN#: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Seats/Occupants permitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Width 72 inches or less: \_\_\_\_\_

Four (4) highway/off-highway tires: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Straddle Seat or Saddle: \_\_\_\_\_

Steering Wheel controlled: \_\_\_\_\_

Factory Manufactured/Installed (2 each):  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Headlights    \_\_\_\_\_ Tail Lights    \_\_\_\_\_ Brake Lights

Proof of Financial Responsibility (Insurance): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *Satisfactory*      \_\_\_\_\_ *Unsatisfactory*

Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge # \_\_\_\_\_

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*For Office Use Only:*

Permit Fee Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

*Copy of Receipt/Completed Form and Permit/Sticker to be given to Owner  
Original to be kept on file and logged in at Hobart Police Department.*

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana, that the Common Council met on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and adopted the following:

### **Ordinance No. 2021- 11 (as amended)**

#### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF HOBART CONCERNING GOLF CARTS AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS AND RECREATIONAL OFF-ROAD VEHICLES ON THE STREETS AND ALLEYS OF THE CITY OF HOBART, INDIANA UNDER SPECIFIED CONDITIONS**

*SECTION ONE:* The Municipal Code of the City of Hobart ("Code") is hereby amended by striking out the sections in Title VII entitled "TRAFFIC CODES," Chapter 70 entitled "OFF ROAD VEHICLES" under § 70.35 DEFINITIONS and § 70.36 SNOWMOBILES OFF-ROAD VEHICLES; REGULATIONS, and "OFF-ROAD VEHICLES" under MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS § 70.40 which shall now be entitled "MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS AND OFF-ROAD VEHICLES" and inserting the following new language in lieu thereof to read as follows:

#### ***SNOWMOBILES AND MOTORIZED BICYCLES***

**§ 70.35 DEFINITIONS.** For the purpose of this sub-chapter the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

***MOTORIZED BICYCLE.*** A bicycle with operable pedals which may be propelled by human power or by an internal combustion engine or battery-powered motor, or by both, and when powered by an internal combustion engine, having a rating of no more than 1 -1/2 brake horsepower, and a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50 cubic centimeters, an automatic transmission and a maximum design speed of not more than 25 mph.

***OPERATE.*** To ride in or on, to drive, to use, to put into action, cause to function or to be in actual physical control of a vehicle.

***OPERATOR.*** Any person who operates a vehicle.

***OWNER.*** A person holding the legal title of a vehicle.

***PEDESTRIAN.*** Any person afoot.

***SNOWMOBILE.*** An off-road vehicle designed for travel primarily on snow or ice.

#### **§ 70.36 SNOWMOBILES, MOTORIZED BICYCLES REGULATIONS.**

(A) It is unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile or ~~off-road vehicle~~ motorized bicycle under the following circumstances:

- (1) On private property of another without the express written permission to do so by the owner or occupant of the property;
- (2) On public school grounds, park property, playgrounds, streets and alleys under the jurisdiction of the city, and recreational areas without express written permission or express provision to do so by the proper public authority;
- (3) In a manner so as to create loud, unnecessary or unusual noise so as to disturb or interfere with the reasonable peace and quiet of other persons;
- (4) In a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the safety of any person or the property of any other person; and/or
- (5) While under the influence of intoxicating liquor, fermented malt beverages or controlled substances or drugs.

(B) All snowmobiles and motorized bicycles operated within the city shall have the following equipment, as a minimum:

- (1) Mufflers which are properly attached and which reduce the noise of operation of the vehicle to the minimum noise necessary for operation;
- (2) Adequate brakes in good working condition;

(3) A safety or "deadman" throttle in operating condition; and/or  
(4) All lights, if equipped with such, shall be maintained in good working order at all times.

(C) It is unlawful for the owner or operator of a snowmobile or motorized bicycle to leave or allow the vehicle to be or remain unattended while the motor is running or the keys are left in the ignition. Penalty, see § 70.99

#### ***MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS AND OFF-ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLES***

**§70.40. DEFINITIONS:** For the purpose of this sub-chapter the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

***GOLF CART.*** A vehicle with four wheels originally designed for operation on a golf course and powered by a battery or internal combustion motor and has a factory manufactured set of working head lights, tail lights and brake lights.

***DRIVER'S LICENSE.*** A valid license to operate a motor vehicle issued by Indiana or any other state.

***FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.*** Liability insurance coverage on a golf cart or recreational off-road vehicle in an amount not less than required by Indiana law for motor vehicles operated on public highways in the State of Indiana.

***RECREATIONAL OFF-ROAD VEHICLE.*** A motorized off-highway vehicle that:

1. Is 72" or less in width;
2. Is designed for travel on a maximum of four non-highway or off-highway tires;
3. Is designed for recreational use by one or more individuals;
4. Has a non-straddle seat or saddle;
5. Has a steering wheel for steering control;
6. Is not a lawn mower or a motorized bicycle;
7. Has a factory manufactured set of working head lights, tail lights and brake lights.

#### **§ 70.41 OPERATION OF GOLF CART AND RECREATIONAL OFF-ROAD VEHICLE.**

The operation of a golf cart or recreational off-road vehicle on streets and alleys under the jurisdiction of the City of Hobart is strictly prohibited unless the golf cart or recreational off-road vehicle is operated and equipped in full compliance with this chapter.

#### **§ 70.42 OPERATOR.**

Only valid licensed drivers, sixteen (16) years of age or older, and issued a driver's license from a State Bureau of Motor Vehicles may operate a golf cart or recreational off-road vehicle on streets and alleys under the jurisdiction of the city. The owner of a golf cart or recreational off-road vehicle may not cause or knowingly permit an individual to operate the golf cart or recreational off-road vehicle on streets and alleys under the jurisdiction of the City unless the individual holds a valid driver's license from a State Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

#### **§ 70.43 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.**

The operator of a golf cart or recreational off-road vehicle must show financial responsibility when operating a golf cart or recreational off-road vehicle on streets and alleys under the jurisdiction of the City. Written proof of financial responsibility for the operator must be available on the golf cart or recreational off-road vehicle.

#### **§ 70.44 PLACE OF OPERATION.**

Golf carts and recreational off-road vehicles may only be operated on City streets which have a posted speed limit of thirty (30) miles per hour or less.

**§ 70.45 OCCUPANTS.**

The number of occupants in a golf cart or recreational off-road vehicle shall be limited to the number of persons for whom factory seating is installed and provided on the golf cart or recreational off-road vehicle. The operator and all occupants shall be seated in the golf cart or recreational off-road vehicle and no part of the body of the operator or occupant shall extend outside the perimeter of the golf cart or recreational off-road vehicle while the golf cart or recreational off-road vehicle is being operated on streets and alleys under the jurisdiction of the City.

**§ 70.46 TRAFFIC RULES.**

Golf carts and recreational off-road vehicles shall obey all of the rules of the road, including traffic signs and markings, and shall display a permit sticker from the City of Hobart, valid for the current year.

**§ 70.47 STREET USE PERMIT.**

Golf carts and recreational off-road vehicles operating on streets and alleys within the jurisdiction of the City of Hobart shall acquire a permit issued by the City of Hobart Police Department on or before April 1 annually. Permits issued in the 2021 calendar year shall be applied for no later than **July 1, 2021** and valid until April 1, 2023 after which permits shall be valid for a period of one year commencing April 1, 2023.

The City incurs administrative costs in providing materials for permits and for approved stickers to be placed upon the golf carts and recreational off-road vehicles, and inspection of the vehicles. Therefore, an Administration/Inspection fee of Twenty-Five dollars (\$25.00) is to be paid through the City of Hobart Police Department. Permit tags will be issued by the Hobart Police Department after a satisfactory inspection of the golf cart or recreational off-road vehicle has been completed.

**§ 70.48 PENALTY.**

Any person violating any provision of this title for which no specific penalty is prescribed shall be subject to the General Penalty provisions of the Hobart Municipal Code § 10.99.

*SECTION TWO:* This ordinance shall become effective June 21, 2021 following its adoption in the manner required by law, and upon publication thereof pursuant to I.C. §36-3-4-14(b) in two newspapers of general circulation published within the City pursuant to I.C. §5-3-1-4 (a).

*SECTION THREE:* All ordinances or portions thereof in effect prior to the effective date and in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer

May 20, 2021