

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-06-L&R

**ADDING CHAPTER 377: *GOLF CARTS* TO THE
GREENHILLS CODIFIED ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, Greenhills must authorize operation of golf carts on its streets, and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 4503.10 requires Greenhills to establish a program for inspecting golf carts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Greenhills, Ohio.

SECTION 1.

That Chapter 377 is hereby added to the Greenhills Code of Ordinances and shall read as contained in Exhibit "A" attached here to and made a part of this ordinance.

SECTION 2.

That this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 25th day of August, 2015

David Moore, MAYOR /s/

Kathryn L. Lives, CLERK OF COUNCIL /s/

EXHIBIT "A"
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CHAPTER 377.01 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Vehicle" has the same meaning as set forth in Ohio R.C. Section 4501.01(A).
- (b) "Motor Vehicle" has the same meaning as set forth in Ohio R.C. Section 4501.01(B)
- (c) "Operator" has the same meaning as set forth in Ohio R.C. Section 4501.01(X)
- (d) "Golf Cart" is a motor vehicle as that term is defined under Ohio R.C. Section 4501.01(B)

CHAPTER 377.02 INSPECTION OF GOLF CARTS.

- (a) No person shall operate a "golf cart" vehicle on the streets within Greenhills unless it has been inspected and approved by the Chief of Police, or his designee or by another agent designated and approved by the State of Ohio, for compliance with the applicable safety/equipment requirements of the State of Ohio relative to motor vehicles. For the purposes of this Section, "golf cart" means a motor vehicle that has not less than three wheels in contact with the ground, that has an unladen weight of less than one thousand eight hundred pounds that is designed to be and is operated at not more than twenty-five miles per hours and that is designed to carry not more than four persons including the driver.
- (b) If the Chief of Police, or his designee, or another agent designated and approved by the State of Ohio, determines that the golf cart complies with the State of Ohio's statutory requirements that are applicable to motor vehicles, the Chief of Police shall issue the owner or operator a certificate of compliance entitling the owner or operator to operate the golf cart on the streets within Greenhills. The owner or operator shall also show the Chief of Police or designee proof of liability insurance for the golf cart before a certificate of compliance is issued. The owner or operator of any golf cart shall be required to pay a fee in the amount of \$25, or as listed in the most recent Fee Schedule for Greenhills, to Greenhills through the Police Department before the golf cart may be operated on the streets of Greenhills,. Any certificate issued pursuant to this section by the Chief of Police expires after 365 days and the Chief of Police will designate the issuing date and expiration date on each certificate. The Chief of Police shall keep a copy of each certificate issued pursuant to this section. The owner or operator of any golf cart shall keep a copy of any certificate issued pursuant to this section inside the golf cart to which it pertains. The Chief of Police shall issue a sticker or other similar device to the owner of each golf cart once it is inspected. The sticker shall signify compliance with this section and the expiration of the current inspection period. The owner of each golf cart shall display the sticker in a conspicuous place on the rear of the golf cart.
- (c) The Owner of a golf cart shall also comply with all requirements of Ohio law regarding proper title, registration and license plates prior to operating a golf cart on

any street within Greenhills. Compliance with this section shall be in addition to, rather than in lieu of, any applicable provisions of State law relative to the operation of motor vehicles.

CHAPTER 377.03 USAGE AND RESTRICTIONS.

- (a) No golf carts shall be permitted to travel on any Village street where the speed limit is greater than 25 mph. Golf carts will be permitted to cross intersections with higher speeds, so long as they remain on a street that has a speed limit of 25 mph or less.
- (b) The operator of a golf cart must be at least 16 years of age and have a valid driver's license.
- (c) Any child who falls under the child restraint criteria set by Ohio R.C. 4511.81 is prohibited from being a passenger in a golf cart operated on any Village street, right of way or public area in Greenhills. (Children who are up to 4 years old and less than 40 pounds which are required to be in a child safety seat or any child who is 8 years old or less and under 4'9" in height who are required to be in a booster seat).
- (d) Golf carts must be operated in accord with all State of Ohio traffic laws in addition to all applicable sections of the Greenhills Municipal Ordinances.

CHAPTER 377.99 PENALTY.

- (a) Whoever violates this chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; and each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.