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Michigan Golf Cart Law

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"Golf Cart" refers to an unmodified vehicle designed for transportation on a golf course while playing the game of golf. Golf carts are not required to meet vehicle safety requirements of low speed vehicles.

Here's a summary of current Michigan law governing the use of Golf Carts on roads in Clare County and Garfield Township:

- Operators must be at least 16 years old and have a valid driver's license.
- Operators must adhere to all road signaling requirements that apply to operation of a vehicle.
- Golf carts cannot exceed 15 MPH.
- Golf carts may not be operated on a state trunk line highway. The operator may cross a state highway when operating on a street of a city, village or township, using the most direct line of crossing.
- Golf carts must travel on the right side of the roadway.
- Golf carts cannot be operated on a sidewalk.
- Golf carts may not be operated during the time period from ½ hour before sunset to ½ hour after sunrise.
- Operators are **<u>not</u>** required to wear a crash helmet.
- Golf carts are <u>not</u> required to have seat belts.
- Golf carts are <u>not</u> required to have an ORV sticker.

For the complete Michigan Vehicle Code governing golf carts, refer to:

http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(o1auzauqz334zxnzyirbqxgg))/mileg.aspx? page=GetObject&objectname=mcl-257-657a

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