

ORDINANCE NO. 4818

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 118 OF THE BOSSIER PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES" TO ADD ARTICLE V "GOLF CARTS"

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes 32:299.4 authorizes a parish or municipal governments to permit and regulate the operation of golf carts on any public roadway within its jurisdiction subject to the requirements enumerated in the statute; and

WHEREAS, the operation of approved golf carts on public roadways has been requested by Bossier Parish residents; and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury deems it appropriate to adopt the provisions of La. R.S. 32:299.4 to permit and regulate the operation of golf carts on designated streets and roadways within the parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 20th day of January, 2021, that Chapter 118 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances "Traffic and Vehicles", be and is hereby amended as follows:

Article IV is hereby amended to add Subsections 118-66 through 118-100 as follows:

ARTICLE IV.

Sections 118-66 through 118-100 Reserved.

Chapter 118 be and is hereby amended to add Article V as follows:

ARTICLE V. GOLF CARTS

Sec. 118-101. Definitions

Annual Permit means a permit issued by the Bossier Parish Police Jury Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit and expires on December 31st of each year.

BPPJCVEU means the Bossier Parish Police Jury Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit.

Golf cart means an electric, four-wheeled vehicle originally intended for use off-road on golf courses and other green spaces with a maximum speed of twenty-five (25) miles per hour, LA R.S. 32:299.4.

Parish means the Parish of Bossier, Louisiana.

Road, street or any similar designation shall all have the same meaning.

Sec. 118-102. Requirements.

In order to be operated on a designated parish street or roadway, the golf cart shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Be equipped with efficient brakes, a reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a rearview mirror, and red reflectorized warning devices on both the front and rear of

the vehicle. Such golf cart shall also be equipped with headlamps, front and rear turn signal lamps, tail lamps, and brake lamps;

- (2) Be inspected annually by a certified inspector of the BPPJCVEU office to ensure that the golf cart complies with the requirements of LA. R.S. 32:299.4;
- (3) Be issued and display the annual permit for the golf cart issued by BPPJCVEU. The annual permit fee under this paragraph shall be five (\$5.00) dollars annually;
- (4) Any golf cart operated upon a parish street or roadway shall have proof of liability insurance with the same minimum limits as required by the provisions of LA. R.S. 32:900(B). Documents reflecting a current policy of liability as required herein shall be in the possession of the driver;
- (5) Any golf cart operated upon a parish street or roadway shall be registered with the State of Louisiana through the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles, as an off-road vehicle and shall display a decal issued by the Office of Motor Vehicles;
- (6) No person shall operate a golf cart upon a parish street or roadway without a valid driver's license;
- (7) Any passenger riding on the golf cart shall be seated and the number of passengers shall not exceed the amount of which the golf cart was designed;
- (8) This section shall not apply to any golf carts owned and insured by a golf course or country club which is operated on the golf course during daylight hours;
- (9) This section shall not apply to any golf cart operated by a golfer or employee of a golf course or country club, which golfer or employee possesses a valid driver's license when said golf cart is used to cross a part of a parish roadway where a golf course is constructed on both sides of a parish street or roadway;

Section 118-103. Designated Public Streets and Roadways.

- (a) The operation of a golf cart upon a public street or roadway of Bossier Parish is prohibited, except as otherwise provided in this section;
- (b) A golf cart shall not be operated upon any state highway;
- (c) Signage indicating that golf cart use is permitted must be posted on the designated street or roadway citing the relevant ordinance;
- (d) The applicability of the regulations in this article shall apply within the limits of the following parish subdivisions:
 - (1) Forest Hills Subdivision to include the following streets and roadways: Bloomfield Lane, Clearbrook Way, Coldwater Creek, Firefly Trail, Forest Hills Boulevard ending at south Highpoint Place, Grapevine Lane, Hidden Cove, Highpoint Place, Hollow Wood Way, Honeytree Trail Circle, Mossy Rock Point, Sagefield Lane, Sparrow Ridge, Sparrow Ridge Circle, Sunrise Point, Sweetbriar Bluff, and Turning Leaf Trail.
- (e) A resident, group of residents or neighborhood homeowners' association may make a request for the addition of parish streets or roadways on which they reside as a "designated street or roadway" to the Bossier Parish Police Jury.

Section 118-104. Traffic Regulations.

Any person operating a golf cart on a public street or roadway under the provisions of this Article shall be subject to all traffic regulations of the State of Louisiana and any other applicable

provisions of this Code of Ordinance pertaining to the operation of vehicles upon public streets and roadways.

Sec. 118-105. Severability and abrogation.

- (a) If any provision or portion of a provision of this article is held to be unconstitutional, pre-empted by federal or state law, or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of the ordinance shall not be invalidated.
- (b) All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with any provisions of this article are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Section 118-106. Violations and Penalties.

Whoever shall be found guilty of violating any provision of this article shall, upon conviction, be punished pursuant to Chapter 1, Section 1-13 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances. Application of the penal provision of Chapter 1, Section 1-13, shall not prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions under any other applicable provisions of state or local law.

Cross Reference – 94:10

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 20th day of January, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICY JURY