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ORDINANCE NO. 16

AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF CARLTON LANDING

WHEREAS, Oklahoma Statutes Title 47 Section 11-1116 authorizes the municipal governing body to regulate and control the operation of golf carts within the town boundaries and on its public streets; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Carlton Landing, Oklahoma deem it to be in the best interests and safety of the citizens to regulate and control the operation of golf carts within the town's legal boundaries and on its public streets.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF CARLTON LANDING, OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. Definitions:

- A. A golf cart is defined as a motor vehicle powered by an electric motor which is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course (or a modification of such a vehicle) for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of Twenty (20) miles per hour.
- B. Public road shall mean any thoroughfare within the Town of Carlton Landing including roads, streets, and lanes.

SECTION 2. Authority to Operate Golf Carts Within the Town of Carlton Landing

Golf carts meeting the definition above may be operated on all public roads, streets, and lanes within the town limits of Carlton Landing where the speed limit is thirty five (35) miles per hour or less.

Golf carts should avoid construction areas when possible and prudent.

SECTION 3. Equipment and Minimum Standards

All golf carts operated within the Town of Carlton Landing shall meet the minimum equipment standards established by the State of Oklahoma. All golf carts shall be equipped with proper lighting. Golf carts operated between the hours before sunrise or after sunset must be equipped with headlights, tail lights, rearview mirror, and a windshield.

SECTION 4. Hours of Operation

Golf carts meeting the equipment standards established for operation before sunrise and after sunset may be operated anytime during the day or night. Golf carts that do not meet these standards shall be operated only during the hours between sunrise and sunset.

SECTION 5. Compliance with Traffic Laws

Golf carts shall comply with all applicable local and state traffic laws, and may be ticketed for traffic and parking violations in the same manner as motor vehicles.

SECTION 6. Operation

Drivers of golf carts must be at least sixteen (16) years of age with a valid drivers' license. The number of occupants of a golf cart must not exceed the number of seats in the cart. No person is to stand while the golf cart is in motion.

SECTION 7. Liability

Nothing in this section shall be construed as an assumption of liability by the Town of Carlton Landing for any injuries to persons, pets or property which may result from the operation of a golf cart by an authorized driver.

Owners are fully liable and accountable for the actions of any individual that they provide permission to operate and drive said golf

cart, both on personal and/or town or public properties. This described responsibility especially applies to personal injuries or property damage resulting from golf cart drivers who are minors under the age of 18 with or without a current and valid driver's license.

SECTION 8. Enforcement

The Town of Carlton Landing shall have the authority to enforce the provisions set forth herein including all applicable traffic laws.

SECTION 9. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. The provisions of this ordinance are severable and if any part or provision hereof shall be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such adjudication shall not affect or impair any of the remaining parts or provisions.

PASSED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Carlton Landing, Oklahoma, on the 18 day of 4 day of 2015.

This ordinance shall go into effect on the /2 day of /2 day. 2015.

SIGNED by the Mayor of the Town of Carlton Landing, Oklahoma, on the <u>18</u> day of <u>April</u>, 2015.

<u> Joanne Chinnie</u> Mayor

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Town Clerk