

# City of Weatherby Lake: Long Range Planning

Date: January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 7:00pm

Work Session Topic(s): Golf Carts, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
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## Agenda & Talking Points:

1. The Board of Alderman have the option to:
  - a. Enact an ordinance allowing a typical golf cart (*with or without safety equipment*) to be driven on streets in our jurisdiction only.
  - b. Citizens and purchase, register and insure a Low-Speed Vehicle that comes with an assigned VIN from the manufacturer like any other car or truck.
  
2. Golf carts:
  - a. Golf carts are built to be driven no faster than 20 mph and are not required to have safety equipment.
  - b. As per the Missouri State Highway Patrol – golf carts are considered “off-road vehicles” and cannot acquire a VIN or Title by the State of Missouri. There is no legal process to get a VIN or Title for golf carts.
  - c. They require a valid operator’s license from any state.
  
3. Low-Speed Vehicles:
  - a. Required by Federal Law to have specified safety equipment.
  - b. Can exceed 20mph.
  - c. Come with a VIN from the manufacturer of origin.
  
4. Safety Concerns: city terrain.
  - a. Blind corners, blind hills, little-to-no shoulders on roads, drainage ditches
  - b. Eastside Drive traffic, traffic speed and status as a through-way.
  - c. Visibility after dark.
  - d. Lower the city wide speed limit to 20mph?

Appendix A: City of Weatherby Lake ordinance regarding golf carts.

**SECTION 300.010: DEFINITIONS** *[in part]*

The following words and phrases, when used in this Title, mean:

**DRIVER:** Every person who drives or is in actual physical control of a **vehicle**.

**MOTOR VEHICLE:** **Any self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively upon tracks, except farm tractors and motorized bicycles.**

**ROADWAY:** That portion of a highway improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the berm or shoulder. In the event a highway includes two (2) or more separate roadways, the term "roadway", as used herein, shall refer to any such roadway separately but not to all such roadways collectively.

**STREET OR HIGHWAY:** The entire width between the lines of every way or place open for vehicular travel by the public, regardless of its legal status, and regardless of whether it has been legally established by constituted authority as a public, street, road or highway or by user for the statutory period of time as a public, street, road or highway.

**VEHICLE:** Any mechanical device on wheels designed primarily for use or used on highways, except motorized bicycles, vehicles propelled or drawn by horses or human power or vehicles used exclusively on fixed rails or tracks, cotton trailers or motorized wheelchairs operated by handicapped persons.

**Section 385.050 State Vehicle License Plates Required.**

**No person shall operate** or park **any motor vehicle** or trailer **upon any street or highway of this City unless such motor vehicle or trailer has properly displayed a valid license plate or plates** or temporary permit including the properly affixed tabs issued for such license issued to the lawful owner of the vehicle by the Department of Revenue of the State of Missouri, except that any person who is a non-resident of the State of Missouri may operate or park any motor vehicle or trailer upon any street or highway of this City, provided the motor vehicle or trailer has been duly registered for the current year in the State, country or other place of which the owner is a resident, provided that at all times such motor vehicle or trailer is being operated or parked upon the streets or highways of this City, the valid license plate or plates or temporary permit is properly displayed on such vehicle or trailer.

## Appendix B: State Law on golf carts.

<https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=304.034&bid=16212&hl=golf+cart%u2044>

**304.034. Municipalities may regulate golf cart and motorized wheelchair usage on streets and highways.** — 1. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the governing body of any municipality may by resolution or ordinance allow persons to operate golf carts or motorized wheelchairs upon any street or highway under the governing body's jurisdiction. A golf cart or motorized wheelchair shall not be operated at any time on any state or federal highway, but may be operated upon such highway in order to cross a portion of the state highway system which intersects a municipal street. No golf cart or motorized wheelchair shall cross any highway at an intersection where the highway being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than forty-five miles per hour.

2. Golf carts operated on city streets shall be equipped with adequate brakes and shall meet any other safety requirements imposed by the governing body. Golf carts are not subject to the registration provisions of [chapter 301](#).

3. As used in this section, a "golf cart" means a motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty miles per hour.

## Appendix C: Federal Law on golf carts NHTSA.

<https://one.nhtsa.gov/cars/rules/rulings/lsv/lsv.htm>

Summary:

Under current NHTSA interpretations and regulations, so long as golf cars and other similar vehicles are incapable of exceeding 20 miles per hour, they are subject to only state and local requirements regarding safety equipment. However, if these vehicles are originally manufactured so that they can go faster than 20 miles per hour, they are treated as motor vehicles under Federal law.

The standard requires low-speed vehicles to be equipped with **headlamps, stop lamps, turn signal lamps, tail lamps, reflex reflectors, parking brakes, rearview mirrors, windshields, seat belts, and vehicle identification numbers.**

Appendix D: Missouri Statute on Low Speed Vehicles (LSV's)

<https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=304.029&bid=16207&hl=low+speed+vehicle%u2044>

**304.029. Operation of low-speed vehicles on highway, permitted when — exemptions.**

— 1. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a low-speed vehicle may be operated upon a highway in the state if it meets the requirements of this section. Every person operating a low-speed vehicle shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of any other motor vehicle except as to the special regulations in this section and except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application.

2. The operator of a low-speed vehicle shall observe all traffic laws and local ordinances regarding the rules of the road. A low-speed vehicle shall not be operated on a street or a highway with a posted speed limit greater than thirty-five miles per hour. The provisions of this subsection shall not prohibit a low-speed vehicle from crossing a street or highway with a posted speed limit greater than thirty-five miles per hour.

3. A low-speed vehicle shall be exempt from the requirements of sections [307.350 to 307.402](#) for purposes of titling and registration. Low-speed vehicles shall comply with the standards in 49 CFR 571.500, as amended.

4. Every operator of a low-speed vehicle shall maintain financial responsibility on such low-speed vehicle as required by [chapter 303](#) if the low-speed vehicle is to be operated upon the highways of this state.

5. Each person operating a low-speed vehicle on a highway in this state shall possess a valid driver's license issued pursuant to [chapter 302](#).

6. For purposes of this section a "low-speed vehicle" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in 49 CFR, section 571.3, as amended.

7. All low-speed vehicles shall be manufactured in compliance with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration standards for low-speed vehicles in 49 CFR 571.500, as amended.

8. Nothing in this section shall prevent county or municipal governments from adopting more stringent local ordinances governing low-speed vehicle operation if the governing body of the county or municipality determines that such ordinances are necessary in the interest of public safety. The department of transportation may prohibit the operation of low-speed vehicles on any highway under its jurisdiction if it determines that the prohibition is necessary in the interest of public safety.