



Safety & Service Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 7, 2025 - 5:00 PM
AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. 62/37 intersection; continued discussion - American Structure Point
3. Legislation Review - Golf Carts
 - a. Draft
4. Chapter 730 Food Truck Standards - Discussion/Review
 - a. [Chapter 730](#)
5. Other Business
6. Adjourn



ORDINANCE 09-2025

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS WITHIN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN THAT HAVE AN ESTABLISHED SPEED LIMIT NOT GREATER THAN 35 MILES PER HOUR.

WHEREAS, the City of Johnstown (the “City”) recognizes the growing popularity and trend of using golf carts as an acceptable mode of personal transportation within the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to permit the operation of approved golf carts on certain public roadways that have an established speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour or less; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to prohibit the operation of approved golf carts on certain public roadways that have an established speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour or less but that otherwise have high traffic flow, which increases the risk of traffic impediments and operator-safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, Chapters 4511.214 and 4511.215 of the Ohio Revised Code allow for City Council to authorize the operation of golf carts on a public street or highway under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City must notify the director of public safety of the authorization for the operation of golf carts in accordance with section 4511.215(A)(4) of the Ohio Revised Code before such authorization is effective;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council for the City of Johnstown, County of Licking, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. Definitions.

- (a) “Vehicle” has the same meaning as set forth in O.R.C. § 4501.01 (A).
- (b) “Motor vehicle” has the same meaning as set forth in O.R.C. § 4501.01 (B).
- (c) “Operator” has the same meaning as set forth in O.R.C. § 4501.01 (X).
- (d) “Utility vehicle” has the same meaning as set forth in O.R.C. § 4501.01 (VV).
- (e) “Low-speed vehicle” has the same meaning as set forth in O.R.C. §4501.01 (WW).
- (f) “Under-speed vehicle” has the same meaning as set forth in O.R.C. § 4501.01 (XX).
- (g) “Mini-truck” has the same meaning as set forth in O.R.C. § 4501.01(BBB).
- (h) “Golf cart” means a four-wheeled low-speed vehicle that is powered by gas or electricity and that cannot exceed twenty (20) miles per hour, is not originally designed or constructed for operation on a street or highway, and is the type of vehicle typically operated by golfers on a golf course.

Section 2. Operation of Golf Carts.

- (a) Except as provided in this Section, no person shall operate any low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, utility vehicle, or mini-truck upon any street, highway, path, or sidewalk within the City of Johnstown.
- (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), and subject to the requirements of this Section, a person may operate a golf cart, as defined herein, upon any street or highway within the City that has an established speed limit not greater than 35 miles per hour except the following streets or highways, regardless of the established speed limit:
 - 1) Ohio S.R. 62, also known as W. Coshocton St. and E. Coshocton St.;
 - 2) Ohio S.R. 37, also known as N. Main St. and S. Main St.;
 - 3) Edwards Rd. west of Fairview Dr.; and
 - 4) W. Jersey St. southwest of Hillview Dr.
- (c) This section does not prohibit a person who is lawfully operating an approved golf cart from proceeding across an intersection of a street or highway that has a speed limit greater than 35 miles per hour or a street or highway upon which the operation of a golf cart is otherwise restricted by this Section.
- (d) The owner of any golf cart who wishes to operate said motor vehicle on a public street or highway must first submit the golf cart to an inspection that complies with the requirements established by the Ohio Department of Public Safety under O.R.C. 4513.02. The inspection shall be conducted by the Police Department, and shall in any case include confirmation of the existence of the following equipment in working order: adequate brakes and braking system; working brake lights; warning/turn signals; headlights and taillights; properly working steering mechanism; windshield; rear view mirror; and appropriate tires for street use.
- (e) Any golf cart operated on public streets or highways must successfully pass the required motor vehicle inspection as defined in subsection (d), be registered in accordance with O.R.C. Ch. 4503, and be titled in accordance with O.R.C. Ch. 4505.
- (f) While operating any golf cart on public roadways within the City of Johnstown, the operator shall comply with any and all laws pertaining to motor vehicles including, without limitation, safety requirements and insurance requirements.
- (g) Except as otherwise provided, all sections of the traffic code or substantially similar offenses shall apply to any golf cart operated upon any street, highway, or private property for vehicular travel.

Section 3. Penalty. Unless otherwise provided in this chapter, whoever violates any provision of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, then the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, then the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

Section 4. Notification of Authorization. Within ten business days of the passing of this Ordinance, the City Manager or their designee shall notify the Ohio director of public safety of City Council’s decision to authorize the operation of golf carts as provided in this Ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. For the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety for the City, namely, the growing popularity and trend of using golf carts as an acceptable mode of personal transportation, this Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

Date of Introduction/Public Hearing/Vote: October 7,2025

By: _____

Mayor Donald Barnard

ATTEST TO:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Teresa Monroe, Clerk of Council

Yazan Ashrawi, Director of Law