

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04

AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF KEISER, ARKANSAS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS

Arkansas Code Annotated §14-54-1410 provides that it shall be within the municipal affairs and authority of any municipality in the State of Arkansas to allow any owner of a golf cart to operate, under certain circumstances, a golf cart upon the city streets of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Keiser, Arkansas, has determined it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Keiser to regulate the safe use of golf carts on city streets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEISER, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Definition.

A “golf cart” is defined to include a seat for at least two (2) people to sit side-by-side, a steering wheel, and a maximum speed not exceeding twenty (20) miles per hour. Any vehicle capable of exceeding twenty (20) miles per hour shall not be considered a golf cart under this ordinance.

SECTION 2. Authorized Operators.

Operation of a golf cart is authorized by the owner of such cart or his/her immediate family members who are over the age of sixteen (16). The operator must hold a valid driver’s license and must not carry more passengers than the number of seats available.

SECTION 3. Restricted Streets.

Operation of golf carts is not authorized on any city street that is also designated as a federal or state highway, or as a county road.

SECTION 4. Equipment Requirements.

Golf carts operated on city streets must be equipped with:

- A slow-moving vehicle sign or an orange safety flag extending at least twelve (12) inches above the top of the cart,
- Working brake lights,
- If operated after dusk, functioning headlamps, tail lamps, and turn signals.

SECTION 5. Hours of Operation.

Golf carts may be operated only between dawn and dusk unless equipped with the lighting equipment listed in Section 4.

SECTION 6. Traffic Laws.

Golf carts must not impede the normal flow of traffic. Operators must use either hand signals or lamps when turning or stopping, and must comply with all traffic laws.

SECTION 7. Insurance Requirement.

Any golf cart operated on city streets must be covered by a policy of liability insurance meeting state standards for vehicle coverage. Proof of insurance must be maintained in the golf cart and presented upon request by law enforcement.

SECTION 8. Penalties.

Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined no less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and no more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for the first offense, and no less than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and no more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the second offense. Upon a second offense, the privilege to operate a golf cart on city streets shall be revoked for twelve (12) months from the date of the second infraction.

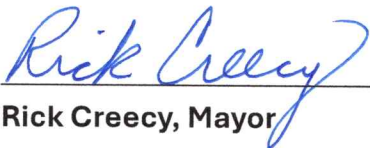
SECTION 9. Emergency Clause.

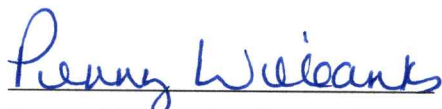
It is hereby found and determined that the safe regulation of golf carts on the streets of Keiser is necessary for the protection of the peace, health, and safety of the citizens of Keiser, Arkansas. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF October 2025.

CITY OF KEISER, ARKANSAS

APPROVED:


Rick Creecy, Mayor


Penny Wilbanks, Recorder