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## **Sec. 8-3-10. Operation of neighborhood electric vehicles, golf carts.**

(a) Defined.

(1) "Golf car" means a self-propelled vehicle not designed for operation on roadways and that has:

- a. A design speed of less than twenty (20) miles per hour;
- b. At least three (3) wheels in contact with the ground;
- c. An empty weight of not more than one thousand three hundred (1,300) pounds; and
- d. A carrying capacity of not more than four (4) persons.

(2) "Low-Speed Electric Vehicle" (LSEV) means a vehicle that:

- a. Is self-propelled utilizing electricity as its primary propulsion method
- b. Has at least three (3) wheels in contact with the ground;
- c. Does not use handlebars to steer; and
- d. Exhibits the manufacturer's compliance with 49 CFR 565 or displays a seventeen-character vehicle identification number as provided in 49 CFR 565.

(b) Operation of golf cars, low-speed electric vehicles:

(1) No golf car or LSEV may be operated on any state highway within the Town limits, except as provided below.

(2) Golf cars and LSEVs may cross a state highway at a designated street intersection.

(3) Golf car and LSEV operators must comply with all provisions of the Model Traffic Code, the Lyons Municipal Code and C.R.S. Title 42 related to traffic rules and regulations. Nothing in this section shall relieve an owner or operator of a golf car or LSEV of any obligation imposed by local and state law applicable to golf cars/LSEVs, including but not limited to those relating to financial responsibility.

(4) All golf cars and LSEVs shall be properly equipped and registered as provided by law.

(5) The speed of any golf car or LSEV shall not exceed twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

(6) Golf cars and LSEVs shall display the emblem "slow moving vehicle" to be visible from a distance of twenty-five (25) yards from the back of the golf car or LSEV.

(7) No owner or operator of a golf car or LSEV shall carry a greater number of persons or a greater load than that specified by the manufacturer. The driver and all passengers must be seated in the seat(s) designed and intended for such purpose.

(8) Any person age eighteen (18) or younger must be secured by at least a two-point safety harness (seat belt) at all times while operating or riding in an LSEV or golf car on Town streets or rights-of-way.

(9) No person shall operate a golf car or LSEV on a Town-owned or maintained trail, except as permitted and posted by the Town.

(10) The operator of a golf car or LSEV must hold a valid driver's license.

(c) This section is designated as a non-criminal violation. Upon conviction, the penalties set forth at Lyons Municipal Code Section 1-4-1 shall apply.

( Ord. No. 849, § 1, 11-17-2008 ; Ord. No. 972, § 1, 5-4-2015 )