

**ORDINANCE NO. 53  
(AS REVISED BY ORDINANCE 55 & 63)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE USE AND OPERATION OF LOW SPEED VEHICLES IN  
THE VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH AND THE REGISTRATION THEREOF.  
THE VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH ORDAINS:**

**Section One. Definitions.**

1. "Low Speed Vehicle" shall mean a bicycle, golf cart, lawn mower, or moped when operating upon any roadway in the Village.
2. "Operator" shall mean an individual, at least sixteen (16) years of age, possessing a valid driver's license.
3. "Street, Roadway, Alley or Public right-of-way" shall mean all public ways under the jurisdiction of the Village.
4. "Village" shall mean the Village of Grand Beach, New Buffalo Township, Berrien County, Michigan.

**Section Two. General Regulation. (REVISED BY ORDINANCE NO. 55)**

**A. Compliance with Uniform Traffic Code and Chapter III - Michigan Vehicle Code.**

All low speed vehicles operated on the public ways of the Village shall comply with the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships and Villages as promulgated by the director of state police which is adopted by reference and is made a part of this Ordinance as if fully set forth in this Ordinance.

All persons operating low speed vehicles, except bicycles, on the public ways of the Village shall possess a current valid motor vehicle operators license.

**B. Operation on Roadway.** A person operating a bicycle, low-speed vehicle, or moped upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction. A person riding a bicycle, motorcycle, or moped upon a roadway shall not ride more than two (2) abreast except on a path or part of a roadway set aside for the exclusive use of those vehicles.

Where a usable and designated path by bicycles is provided adjacent to a roadway, a bicycle rider shall be required to use the path. Low-speed vehicles shall not be operated on a sidewalk constructed for the use of pedestrians.

**Section Three. Lights.**

All low-speed vehicles, including animal drawn vehicles, implements of husbandry, road machinery, road rollers, and farm tractors, not otherwise required under this Act to be equipped with head or rear lamps, shall at the times specified hereinbelow be equipped with at least one (1) lighted lamp exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the front of the vehicle and with a lamp exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear of the vehicle. Lights, as above set forth, shall be required at any time from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise and at any other time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons or vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.

**Section Four. Occupant.**

A low speed vehicle shall not be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

**Section Five. Regulation of Low Speed Vehicles within Grand Beach. (REVISED BY ORDINANCE NO. 63)**

Only stickered golf carts shall be operated within the Village of Grand Beach. Each owner shall annually secure a sticker from the Village Clerk based on such fees as shall be set from time to time by the Village Council and each cart shall have three inch (3") numerals to be placed on both sides of the cart. All operators on the Grand Beach Municipal Golf Course shall be at least fourteen (14) years of age. The golf course manager, any ranger, or any police officer may revoke any sticker and ban further access on any public way or public property by any golf cart, when in the opinion of the golf course manager, ranger, or officer that the golf cart is being used in a manner to cause damage to public property or members of the public or Village employees. Golf carts shall not be allowed on the golf course property from a half-hour after sunset to one-half hour prior to sunrise.

**Section Six. Penalties for Violation. (REVISED BY ORDINANCE NO. 55)**

**A. Uniform Traffic Code.** Any person, firm or corporation who violates Section Two A of this Ordinance shall, in addition to the other provisions of this Ordinance, be responsible for the penalties set forth under the applicable Section of the Uniform Traffic Code as herein referenced.

**B. Civil Infractions.** A person who violates Sections Two B, Three, Four, or Five of this Ordinance is responsible for a civil infraction punishable by a fine of not more than \$100.00 and which shall be processed pursuant to the terms of the Michigan Vehicle Code. Any person who is cited for a repeat or second violation of the above Sections within a period of twenty-four (24) months from date of first citation shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor as set forth in Section Six A above.

This Ordinance shall become effective after public hearing, adoption and publication in accordance with the Charter of the Village of Grand Beach and the laws of the State of Michigan.

**Section Seven. Conflicting Ordinances.**

Ordinance #44 and any other or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall take effect after the adoption and publication thereof.

**ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.**

CAROLE S. NAGY, Village Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an Ordinance adopted by the VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH, County of Berrien, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on May 17th, 2001 and that said Meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the Minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act

CAROLE S. NAGY, Village Clerk