

COMMISSIONERS' ORDINANCE NO. O-xx-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 73.60 OF THE COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLED "LOW-SPEED VEHICLES, GOLF CARTS AND UTILITY VEHICLES ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS", TO PERMIT THE USE OF GOLF CARTS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ENTIRE CITY OF COVINGTON.

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WHEREAS, the City of Covington currently permits the use of golf carts and other low speed vehicles between the borders of the Ohio River and Licking River, up to an and including 12th Street/MLK Boulevard and Philadelphia Street; and

WHEREAS, residents across the City of Covington have requested that the City permit the use of golf carts and other low speed vehicles across the entire City, subject to the various state and local regulations already in place.

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1

Chapter 73.60 of the Covington Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

LOW-SPEED VEHICLES, GOLF CARTS AND UTILITY VEHICLES

§ 73.60 OPERATION OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES, GOLF CARTS AND UTILITY VEHICLES ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS.

(A) No low-speed vehicle, unless operated pursuant to division (B) below, golf cart or utility vehicle may be operated or driven on any public roadway, street or highway within the city.

(B) Low-speed vehicles[;] ***and golf carts***, as defined in § 73.01 of this chapter may be operated on city roadways ***within the boundaries of the entire City of Covington***, [~~between the borders of the Ohio River, Licking River, up to an including 12th Street/MLK Boulevard and Philadelphia Street;~~] provided[;] the following conditions are met:

- (1) The posted speed limit of the city roadway is 35 mph or less;
- (2) The operator of the low-speed vehicle does not cross a roadway at an at-grade intersection where the roadway being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than 35 mph unless the intersection is equipped with an electronic traffic signal;
- (3) The operator has a valid operator's license in his or her possession; and
- (4) The operator and vehicle being operated comply with all other applicable

provisions of the city and United States' laws.

(1984 Code, § 74.30) (Ord. O-25-17, passed 10-24-2017; Ord. O-32-18, passed 8-28-2018) Penalty, see § 73.99

Section 2

The provisions of this chapter are severable. If any section, clause, sentence, part, or provision of this chapter shall be held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect, impair, or invalidate any of the remaining sections, clauses, sentences, parts or provisions of this chapter. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board of Commissioners that this chapter would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional section, clause, sentence, part, or provision had not been included herein.

Section 3

That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

Passed: _____, 2025 (Second Reading)

_____, 2025 (First Reading)