

**CITY OF PROSPECT
ORDINANCE NO. 658, SERIES 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND REGULATING THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN
PUBLIC ROADWAYS PURSUANT TO KRS 189.286, AND CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 75 OF
THE CITY OF PROSPECT CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THAT PURPOSE**

WHEREAS, KRS 189.286 authorizes local governments to permit and regulate the operation of golf carts on certain public roadways under their jurisdiction, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Prospect desires to allow limited golf cart operation on designated local streets while maintaining public safety and full compliance with state law;

WHEREAS, the Prospect City Council deems it appropriate and necessary to formally adopt the provisions of KRS 189.286;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PROSPECT, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1: A new section, Chapter 75 of the City of Prospect Code of Ordinances, is hereby created to read as follows:

§75.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this ordinance, “**GOLF CART**” shall have the meaning ascribed in KRS 189.286(1).

Any self-propelled vehicle that:

- A. Is designed for the transportation of players or maintaining equipment on a golf course, while engaged in the playing of golf, supervising the play of golf, or maintaining the condition of the grounds on a golf course;
- B. Has a minimum of four (4) wheels;
- C. Is designed to operate at a speed of not more than thirty-five (35) miles per hour;
- D. Is designed to carry not more than six (6) people, including the driver;
- E. Has a maximum gross vehicle weight of 2,500 pounds;
- F. Has a maximum rated payload capacity of 1,200 pounds;
- G. It is equipped with:
 - 1. Headlamps
 - 2. Tail lamps
 - 3. Stop lamps
 - 4. Front and rear turn signals
 - 5. One red reflex reflector on each side (rear), and one on the rear
 - 6. Exterior mirror on the driver’s side and either an exterior mirror on the passenger’s side or an interior mirror
 - 7. Parking brake
 - 8. Seatbelt assembly for each seating position (meeting federal safety standards)
 - 9. A horn that meets the requirements of KRS 189.080.

§75.02 AUTHORIZATION.

Golf carts may be operated on designated city streets within the City of Prospect only as provided in this ordinance and in compliance with KRS 189.286. All golf carts will be permitted to cross Prospect streets at designated golf cart crossings. Carts crossing at golf cart crossings shall yield to traffic traveling on those streets.

§75.03 DESIGNATED ROADWAYS.

- A. Golf cart operation is permitted only on city-maintained streets with a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less.
- B. Golf carts are prohibited to operate on, or cross any state-maintained roadway/highway, including U.S. Highway 42, KY 329, and River Road.
- C. The streets designated for golf cart operation shall be identified on a map adopted by City Council resolution and kept on file at Prospect City Hall.

§75.04 DESIGNATED ROADWAYS.

- A. No person shall operate a golf cart on a designated city street without first obtaining a Prospect Golf Cart Permit from the City of Prospect.
- B. Before a permit is issued, the golf cart must pass inspection by a certified inspector as provided in KRS 189.286(7).
- C. Permit fee: \$25 per year. Inspection fee: Not to exceed \$5, plus up to \$10 travel fee if the inspector comes to the location of the cart.
- D. While operating on public streets, the city-issued permit decal shall be always affixed on the golf cart in a location selected by the Prospect Police.

§75.05 OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

Golf carts operated on public streets in the City of Prospect must:

- A. Be operated by a licensed driver.
- B. Be insured pursuant to KRS Chapter 304.39, with proof of insurance in the vehicle.
- C. Display a slow-moving vehicle emblem in compliance with KRS 189.820.
- D. Be equipped as required by KRS 189.286(4), including:
 - 1. Headlamps
 - 2. Tail lamps
 - 3. Stop lamps
 - 4. Front and rear turn signals
 - 5. Red reflectors
 - 6. Exterior mirror on driver's side and interior mirror or passenger-side exterior mirror
 - 7. Parking brake
 - 8. Seat belts for each occupant

§75.06 HOURS OF OPERATION.

Golf carts may operate between sunrise and sunset. Operation outside these hours is prohibited unless the cart is equipped with functional headlamps and tail lamps as required by KRS 189.286.

§75.07 ENFORCEMENT DATES.

This provision of this ordinance shall be enforced beginning on March 1, 2027.

§75.08 PENALTIES.

- A. Any person violating this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$50 to \$250.
- B. The city may revoke a golf cart permit for repeated or serious violations.
- C. Any infraction of this ordinance could also result in the golf cart being towed at the owner's expense for the purpose of clearing a roadway/traffic blockage

SECTION 2: If any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: Subject to the provisions of §75.07 above, this Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, signing, and publication as required by law.

First Reading this 15th day of December 2025.

Passed on Second Reading this 20th day of January 2026.

By a vote of 5 aye and 0 nay of the City Council.

APPROVED:



Douglass Farnsley
Mayor

ATTEST:



John S. Carter
City Clerk