TOWN OF NEWTON
ORDINANCE #2026-02 / GOLF CART / LSV

Golf Cart Operation/Low Speed Vehicle:

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish procedures related to the safety of golf carts operating on designated roadways in Newton, Alabama. The Newton Police Department and its designated personnel will conduct the process of inspecting golf carts and/or LSV requesting permits to operate within the designated roadways of the town. Golfcarts/LSV that do not adhere to the Town mandated requirements can be fined in accordance with the Town Golf Cart Ordinance.

Under no circumstances shall the Town of Newton be held liable for any incident involving a Golf Cart/LSV.

Required Equipment:

Golf Cart/LSV shall mean a golf cart equipped with the following working items:

- Functioning Brakes
- Functioning Steering Apparatus
- Safe Tires
- Orange slow-moving vehicle triangle on back of cart
- Rear strobe light or taillights after dark.
- Headlights after dark.
- Must have ID plate with serial number and model no.

Newton Police Department:

Golf Cart/LSV Operation

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), it has categorized the specification of carts. The Golf Cart/LSV is regulated with top speeds ranging from 20-25 mph. Any vehicle which surpasses 25 mph falls under the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for passengers.

Designated Streets for Cart Use:

No street on which the speed limit is greater than 25 mph shall be designated for Golf Cart/LSV usage.

Golf Cart/LSV will be allowed to cross a main road to enter a designated Golf Cart/LSV street.

Rules and Regulations:

Golf Cart/LSV will not be operated on any public street, road, or highway within the corporate limits of the Town of Newton that does not have a posted speed limit of 25 mph or less.

- Golf Cart/LSV may only be operated on streets with posted speed limit of 25 mph or less between the hours of sunrise to sunset, unless equipped with headlights, slow-moving vehicle triangle, taillights and a rear strobe light.
- Any person or persons who operate a Golf Cart/LSV must adhere to all State and Municipal Laws and be at least 14 years of age.

- The maximum number of occupants in the Golf Cart/LSV is determined by the maximum number of occupants stated by the manufacturer of the vehicle.
- All occupants must be seated during operation.
- There shall not be any operation on a public sidewalk or bike path.
- Golf Cart/LSV may access a handicapped parking spot, if person or persons have the appropriate handicap permit displayed.

Exception to the rules:

- Golf Cart/LSV may be driven on Halloween Night from 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm
- Golf Cart/ LSV may be driven in parades.
- Golf Cart/LSV Town of Newton owned for official use.

Failure to follow these rules will result in a warning and termination of service of this cart for the remainder of the day.

Second offense will result in $100 ticket to the owner of the Golf Cart/LSV.

Third offense will result in $500 ticket to the owner of the Golf Cart/LSV.

Fourth offense will result in cart not being eligible to operate on Newton streets.

Approved this 15th day of Sept 2026.

William E. Pruett Jr.

William E. Pruett Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Wendy Smith

Wendy Smith, Town Clerk