



USE OF GOLF CARTS ON BEAVER ISLAND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE MICHIGAN MOTOR VEHICLE CODE AND ST JAMES TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 07.12.23

PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE: GOLF CART USE

The Michigan Motor Vehicle Code permits the use of golf carts in townships subject to the township passing a resolution permitting such use. The St James Township Board approved Resolution 07.12.23, which permits the limited use of golf carts within the township, on July 12, 2023.

Regulations:

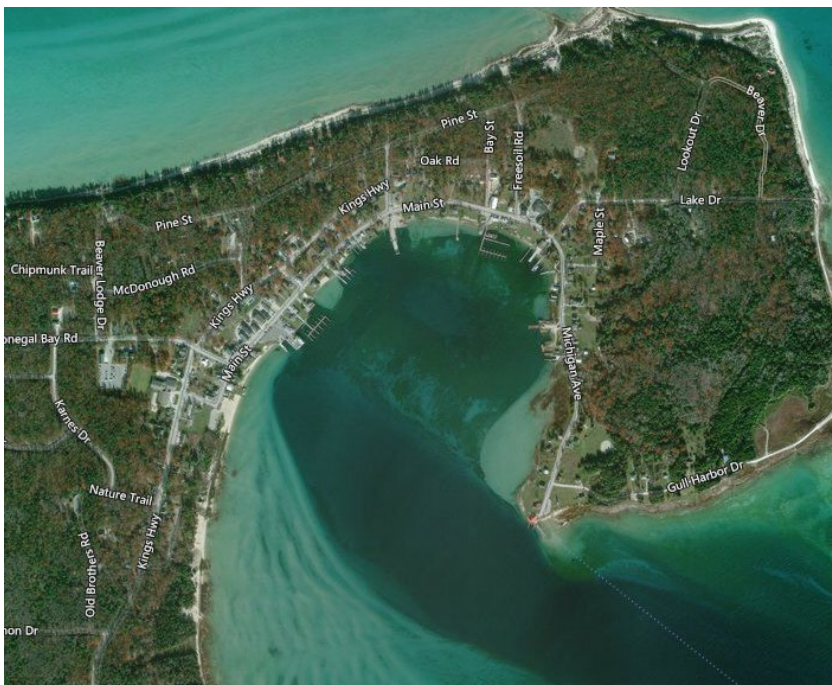
Drivers of golf carts must be at least 16 years old and have a driver's license.

A golf cart is not permitted to travel on the streets within the township during the time period ½ hour before sunset and ½ hour after sunrise.

Golf carts shall travel as near to the right side of the roadway as practical, exercising due care when passing a parked vehicle.

The operator of the golf cart shall comply with signal operations that are required of a motor vehicle.

Drivers must travel at or under 15 mph and may only be used on roads that have 30 mph speed limits or less. On Beaver Island this occurs on roads that are posted with 25 mph speed limit signs and those residential roads around the downtown area. This includes the roads shown on the below map.



Public Safety Awareness:

Underage and unsafe use of other low speed vehicles is a concern of the St James Township Board. Further information is being gathered for consideration regarding possible issuance of other public safety notices. The vehicles of concern include scooters, mopeds, electric bikes, and bicycles.

ORV and electric bikes can only be used on county roads. ORVs are regulated by Michigan's Section 811 of Public Act 1994 PA 451, the Natural Resource Environmental Protect Act.

For further information regarding golf cart usage, refer to the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, Public Act 1949 PA 300, Section 657a for additional details.