

BYLAW # 2024-04

A BYLAW OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MERVIN No. 499 TO PERMIT THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON DESIGNATED ROADWAYS AND TRAILS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE MUNICIPALITY

In Accordance with section 113.1 of *The Traffic Safety Act* and *The Registration Exemption and Reciprocity Regulations (2014)*

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

Title:

1. This bylaw shall be known as the "Golf Cart Bylaw"

Purpose:

2. The purpose of the Bylaw is to regulate the operation of golf carts pursuant to Section 113.1 of *The Traffic Safety Act*.

Definitions:

3. For this bylaw, the following terms and words shall have the following meaning:
 - a. "Act" shall mean *The Traffic Safety Act*;
 - b. "golf cart" as defined by the *Registration Exemption and Reciprocity Regulations (2014)* means:
a commercially manufactured, self-propelled vehicle that:
 - i. is originally designed to be used on a golf course for the movement of people and goods on unprepared surfaces and roadways;
 - ii. has four wheels in contact with ground;
 - iii. cannot be operated at a speed greater than 24 km/hour on level ground;
 - iv. has an unladen weight of less than 590 kilograms;
 - c. "driver's license" means a valid license issued pursuant to section 40 of *The Traffic Safety Act*;
 - d. "highway" means a road, parkway, driveway, square or place designed and intended for or used by the general public for the passage of vehicles, but does not include any area, whether privately or publicly owned, that is primarily intended to be used for the parking of vehicles and the necessary passageways on that area;
 - e. "municipality" means the RM of Mervin No. 499;
 - f. "municipal land" shall include but not be limited to:
 - i. The traveled and untraveled portion of all streets, roads, lanes and highways in the municipality, except provincial highways;
 - ii. all municipal reserves;
 - iii. all publicly owned parking lots;
 - iv. the grounds of all municipal owned building; and
 - v. all other lands owned or operated by the municipality.

Provisions:

4. The RM of Mervin #499 (hereinafter called "the RM"), permits the operation of a golf cart during daylight hours, which is the period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset on all designated roadways and trails within the limits of the RM with the exception of Provincial Highway No.'s 3, 303 and 26.
5. Notwithstanding section (4), it shall be lawful to operate a golf cart for the purpose of crossing a provincial highway by the most direct route in accordance with s.2(2)(h) of *The Registration Exemption and Reciprocity Regulations (2014)*.
6. All operators of a golf cart must possess a valid class 7 driver's license.
7. No person shall operate a golf cart:
 - a. without exercising due care and attention;
 - b. without reasonable consideration for other persons in the area;
 - c. at a speed greater than is reasonable and safe in the circumstances and in any case, at a speed greater than 24 km/hour;
 - d. with more seated passengers than the design of the golf cart can safely handle, and in no event while a passenger is standing in or upon the cart;

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- e. with a person being towed on any type of equipment attached to the golf cart;
 - f. when winter driving conditions, snow and/or ice are present;
 - g. unless the golf cart is displaying a slow-moving warning device as defined in section 2(1)(kk) of *The Vehicle Equipment Regulations (1987)*, displayed in accordance with section 10 of the regulations, with one side parallel to and not less than 900 millimetres nor more than 1500 millimetres from the ground.
8. The RM will monitor and inform Saskatchewan Government Insurance of collision information involving golf carts, including injuries and/or fatalities.
9. The owner of the golf cart must insure themselves and every other person who, with the owners consent, operates that golf cart, against liability imposed by law arising of the ownership, use or operation of that golf cart and provide proof of insurance at the request of a peace officer. The minimum liability requirement is \$200,000.00.

Permit:

10. All golf carts must obtain a permit to be registered with the RM and the registration plate must be affixed to the back of the golf cart.
11. All owners must fill out the Golf Cart Registration Form, attached as Schedule "A", provide proof of liability insurance as stated in section 9, and pay a one-time, \$50.00 registration fee to the Municipality.
12. The registration is non-transferable between owners and the RM must be notified if the registered golf cart changes ownership.

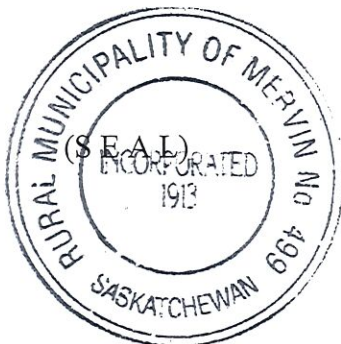
Penalties:

13. In addition to any offences and penalties under the Act, any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to a fine of \$100.00.
14. Multiple violations of this bylaw could result in the revocation of privileges and loss of registration.
15. The RM's enforcement officers will enforce this bylaw under the authority and direction of the RM Council.
16. Bylaw #2023-39 is hereby repealed.
17. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect upon approval by Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI).

INTRODUCED AND READ A FIRST TIME this 23rd day of January, 2024

READ A SECOND TIME this 13th day of February, 2024

READ A THIRD TIME AND ADOPTED this 13th day of February, 2024



Gordon Spencer
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Reeve

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Administrator