

BYLAW NO. 3-25 TOWN OF YELLOW GRASS

A BYLAW RESPECTING THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF YELLOW GRASS

Subject to and in accordance with, s. 113.1 of *The Traffic Safety Act* and *The Registration Exemption and Reciprocity Regulations* (2014).

The Council of The Town of Yellow Grass, in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. TITLE

This bylaw shall be known and may be cited as "The Golf Cart Bylaw".

2. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this bylaw, all the words and expressions shall have the following meaning:

- (a) "**Act**" shall mean *The Traffic Safety Act*;
- (b) "**Administrator**" means the Administrator of the Town of Yellow Grass.
- (c) "**Bylaw Enforcement Officer**" means the person or persons appointed or contracted by the Council of the Town for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Bylaw;
- (d) "**Council**" means the Council of the Town of Yellow Grass;
- (e) "**Driver's License**" means a driver's license issued pursuant to *The Traffic Safety Act*;
- (f) "**Golf Cart**" is a vehicle as defined in *The Registration Exemption and Reciprocity Regulations*;
- (g) "**Operator**" means a person who uses or operates, or is in actual physical control of a golf cart;
- (h) "**Owner**" includes a person who is in possession of a golf cart under a contract by which he/she may become the owner of the golf cart upon full compliance with the terms of the contract.
- (i) "**Peace Officer**" as defined in the Act, shall mean;
 - i) a member of a police service in Saskatchewan;
 - ii) a person or class or persons designated by the Lieutenant Governor Council as traffic officers; or
 - iii) any person appointed pursuant to *The Police Act, 1990* as a special constable for the enforcement of the Act.
- (j) "**Provincial Highway**" means a provincial highway as defined in *The Highways and Transportation Act, 1997*;
- (k) "**SGI**" means Saskatchewan Government Insurance;
- (l) "**Street**" means any street, or lane within the Town of Yellow Grass and includes a public highway, within the Town of Yellow Grass;
- (m) "**Town**" means the Town of Yellow Grass.

3. PROVISIONS

- a) It shall be lawful to operate a golf cart on roadways within the Town of Yellow Grass.

4. PROHIBITIONS

- (a) It shall be unlawful to operate a golf cart on roadways with a posted speed greater than 40 kms/hr. No person shall operate a golf cart on a Provincial Highway within the limits of the Town of Yellow Grass, except to directly cross, including the travelled portion of Provincial Highway #39;
- (b) All drivers of the golf cart must hold a minimum of a valid Class 7 driver's license;
- (c) No person shall operate a golf cart:
 - i) Without reasonable consideration for other persons in the area or who might reasonably be expected to be in the area;
 - ii) At a speed greater than is reasonable and safe in the circumstances and in any case, at a speed greater than 24 km/hr.;
 - iii) 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 golf cart;
 - iv) With a person being towed on any type of equipment attached to the golf cart;
 - v) At night, which is defined as half an hour after sunset to half an hour prior to sunrise; or
 - vi) When winter driving conditions, snow and/or ice are present in the Town.

5. RULES OF OPERATION

- (a) Golf carts must be operated in accordance with the rules of the road in *The Traffic Safety Act* and any other municipal bylaw related to traffic;
- (b) The owner of the golf cart must insure themselves and every other person who, with the owner's consent, operated that golf cart, against liability imposed by law arising out of the ownership, use or operation of that golf cart, against liability imposed by law arising out of the ownership, use or operation of that golf cart and provides proof of insurance at the request of a Peace Officer, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, or Town Office Administration staff. The minimum liability requirement is \$200,000;
- (c) Every owner of a golf cart shall report any and all collisions involving the golf cart to the Town office within seventy-two (72) hours of an accident, providing full particulars of the collision including the time, date, and location, as well as the name and driver's license of all parties involved. The Town will inform SGI of any collision reported and if injuries or fatalities occurred;
- (d) Every operator of a golf cart shall:
 - i) When approaching an oncoming vehicle, pass the vehicle on the right;
 - ii) Yield the right of way to vehicles approaching from the right;
 - iii) When overtaking another vehicle, pass that vehicle on the left;
 - iv) Yield the right of way to all pedestrians that are approaching so close as to present a hazard;
 - v) Except when overtaking another vehicle, maintain a safe following distance behind any other vehicle;
 - vi) Signal their intentions to turn abruptly by using signal lights if the golf cart is equipped or hand signals as described in the Act;
 - vii) On being requested or signaled to do so by a Peace Officer or Bylaw Enforcement Officer using an emergency device or emergency light or a visible hand signal, immediately stop the golf cart.

6. EQUIPMENT

- (a) The golf cart shall display a slow-moving warning device as defined in section 2(1)(kk) of *The Vehicle Equipment Regulations (1987)* and be displayed in accordance with section 10 of the regulations, with one side parallel to and not less than 900 millimeters nor more than 1500 millimeters from the ground.

7. PERMIT

- (a) Every owner of a golf cart operating within the corporate limits of the Town of Yellow Grass shall obtain no later than May 1 in each year a permit from the Town office once they have provided proof of insurance and display the permit on the side of their golf cart;
- (b) Any permit issued pursuant to the provisions of the Bylaw shall not be transferrable to any other golf cart;
- (c) If a permit is lost or becomes illegible, it must be replaced pursuant to this Bylaw.
- (d) The permit shall be in effect from January 1st to December 31st of the calendar year in which the permit was obtained.

8. GENERAL PENALTIES

- (a) In addition to any offences and penalties under the Act, any person who contravenes any of the provisions of the Bylaw or fails to comply with any provisions of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction:
 - i) For the first offence under all Sections of this Bylaw to a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$1,000.00; and
 - ii) For a second and subsequent offence under all Sections of this Bylaw to a fine of not less than \$200.00 nor more than \$1,000.00.

9. VOLUNTARY PAYMENT TO AVOID PROSECUTION

- (a) A person who contravenes this Bylaw, upon being served with a “Notice of Violation” may voluntarily pay the prescribed penalty at the Town office.
 - i) If the Town office receives voluntary payment of the prescribed penalty within ten (10) days, excluding the date of the Notice of Violation, the person receiving the Notice of Violation shall not be liable to prosecution for the alleged contravention;
 - ii) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prevent any person from exercising their right to defend a charge for a contravention of this Bylaw;
 - iii) A Notice of Violation may be issued by a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Peace Officer or any person duly authorized by Council;
 - iv) A person to whom a Notice of Violation is being issued under this Section shall, upon request by the person issuing the Notice of Violation, provide their name, address, and date of birth. Any person who fails to provide this information is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to the penalty contained in Section 8.

10. EFFECTIVE

This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect upon approval by Saskatchewan Government Insurance.

First Reading: June 11, 2025

Second Reading: June 11, 2025

Third Reading June 11, 2025

PER: _____

MAYOR: _____

SEAL

PER: _____

ADMINISTRATOR:

Certified a true copy of the original Bylaw
passed by the resolution of the Council present
at their regular meeting held on June 11, 2025.

Wendy Wood, Administrator

