

CITY OF BULL SHOALS ARKANSAS

ORDINANCE 2026-03

AN ORDINANCE TO PERMIT THE USE OF GOLF CARTS ON BULL SHOALS CITY STREETS UNDER AUTHORITY OF ARKANSAS STATUE A.C. A. 14-54-1410 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS A.C.A. 14-54-1410 provides that it shall be within the municipal affairs and authority of any municipality in the State of Arkansas to authorize by ordinance any owner of a golf cart to operate the golf cart on the city streets of the municipality and,

WHEREAS the City Council deems it to be to the benefit of the citizens and residents of Bull Shoals to have the opportunity of using and operating golf carts on the city streets in a reasonable and responsible manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BULL SHOALS, MARION COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

Section 1, A person who is a licensed driver 16 (sixteen) years of age or older is authorized to use and operate a golf cart on the city streets of the City of Bull Shoals, Arkansas.


- A. A golf cart is defined as being electric or gasoline driven to include a seat for 2 to 6 people to sit in, a steering wheel, rear or side mirror, rear reflectors or aluminate taillights, maximum speed of twenty (25) miles per hour,. Length varies from 92 inches (2-seater) to 144+ inches (6-seater), weight varies based on configuration and materials; but can range 600 to over 1000 lbs. Engine/motor can be gasoline (often 357cc) or electric (often 36V or 48V). Golf cart brakes are usually drum brakes or a combination of drum and disc brakes, otherwise it is not considered a golf cart under this ordinance.
- B. Golf carts must follow all rules and laws of the road, including driving with the flow of traffic on the far-right side of the road as determined by the direction of the licensed vehicles. They may not impede the normal flow of traffic on city streets and must use hand signals or turn signal lamps if so equipped when turning or stopping and must comply with all city and state traffic laws to include not driving on State or Federal Highways.
- C. The golf cart must be in good working order and not present a hazard to the operator or other motorists or pedestrians because of defective mechanical conditions.
- D. Golf carts may only be operated on city streets between dawn and dusk unless they are outfitted with working headlamps, tail lamps, horn, and turn signals.

- E. The operator of the golf cart must have a valid driver's license and must comply with all the rules of the roadway when in motion as spelled out in Arkansas Law and in applicable Bull Shoals City Ordinances.
- F. The owner or operator of the golf cart must first obtain an annual inspection sticker from the City of Bull Shoals to operate the golf cart on the city streets, which sticker shall cost \$12.00 (twelve dollars) to help cover the administrative and inspection cost of the golf cart. The annual sticker will expire December 31st of each year. The annual sticker (decal) must be affixed to the driver side windshield (lower left area). If the golf cart has no windshield, the sticker (decal) shall be placed on the front (drivers) side of the golf cart in plain view.
- G Any golf cart operated on city streets must be covered by a valid and current policy of liability insurance or homeowners' insurance meeting the state standards for vehicle coverage.
- H A golf cart may not be operated on any city sidewalks or on any city trails or walking areas within any city parks, except for authorized city vehicles and at authorized approved functions.
- I This ordinance is for golf carts described above only as motor driven vehicles and does not apply to any type of ATV or side by side which are NOT allowed on any roadway or roadway easement.

Section 2. Any person who operates a golf cart on the city streets of Bull Shoals without having first obtained a valid sticker (decal) from the City of Bull Shoals or who operates a golf cart on city streets that is not in good mechanical condition and working order, or in a manner as otherwise prohibited hereby, shall be deemed guilty of a violation, and upon conviction thereof shall be assessed a fine not to exceed \$100 (one hundred dollars)

Any owner who allows a person under (16) years of age or an unlicensed person operating a golf cart within the City of Bull Shoals shall be deemed guilty of a violation, and upon conviction thereof shall be a fine not less than \$50, not to exceed \$100

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26TH day of MARCH, 2026.


 _____ City Council Vote: 6 YEAS 0 NAYS
 Mayor Bill Stahlman



 Paula Reynolds Recorder/Treasurer