

Perryville approves ordinance allowing golf carts on city streets

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PERRYVILLE, Ky. — Golf carts will soon be permitted on certain streets in Perryville after the City Council approved an ordinance establishing guidelines for their operation within city limits.

The ordinance, approved on second reading Oct. 1, allows golf carts to operate on public streets under the city’s jurisdiction with posted speed limits of 35 mph or less. The measure establishes safety requirements, inspection procedures and operating restrictions intended to ensure the vehicles can safely share the road with other motorists.

Ordinance No. 2026-007 was introduced during the council’s Sept. 3 meeting and approved on second reading Oct. 1. The ordinance was signed by Mayor Rob

Kernodle and attested by City Clerk Mona Followell.

Under the new regulations, golf cart owners must have their vehicles inspected and obtain a permit before operating on public streets.

Inspections will be conducted by certified inspectors designated by the Boyle County sheriff and certified through the Kentucky Department of Vehicle Regulation. The inspection will determine whether a golf cart meets the equipment and safety standards outlined in the ordinance.

Once approved, the inspection document issued by the sheriff’s office will serve as the city’s required permit. Operators must keep the document inside the golf cart whenever it is being driven on an authorized roadway.

Permits remain valid as long as the original permit holder owns the golf cart.

The ordinance also requires golf carts to carry insurance, with proof of coverage maintained inside the vehicle during operation.

Drivers must possess a valid operator’s license and comply with Kentucky traffic laws.

Several restrictions will govern when and where golf carts can operate.

Golf carts may only be driven on public streets between sunrise and sunset. Additionally, operators are prohibited from crossing roadways at intersections where the road being crossed has a posted speed limit greater than 35 mph.

All permitted golf carts must display a slow-moving vehicle emblem.

The ordinance establishes specific equipment requirements for vehicles operating on city streets.

Golf carts must have headlights, taillights,

brake lights, front and rear turn signals, reflectors, mirrors, a parking brake, a horn and seat belts for each designated seating position.

Eligible vehicles must have at least four wheels and be designed to travel no faster than 35 mph. They may carry no more than six people, including the driver, and cannot exceed a gross vehicle weight of 2,500 pounds or a rated payload capacity of 1,200 pounds.

Golf carts that fail to meet the established requirements will not be permitted on public roadways.

The ordinance includes an exemption for golf carts used exclusively on golf courses, including those crossing a public roadway while following a designated golf cart path.

Although golf carts will be allowed on qualifying city streets, the ordi-

nance specifies that permitted carts are not considered motor vehicles for certain state regulatory purposes. As a result, they are exempt from vehicle titling, registration and emissions certification requirements.

The measure was adopted under Kentucky Revised Statute 189.286, which allows local governments to authorize golf cart operation on designated public roadways through local ordinances.

The ordinance will take effect following its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

With the council’s approval, Perryville joins Kentucky communities that have established local regulations allowing golf carts to operate on qualifying public streets while maintaining safety requirements for drivers and passengers.

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tradition on both Friday and Saturday nights. Guests were served a meal of beans, cornbread and sorghum cake before watching a comedy performed by local talent.

Other attractions included face painting, a petting zoo, handmade crafts, and additional food vendors. The Saturday cruise-in gave automobile enthusiasts another reason to visit the festival grounds.

The Forkland Community Center was also featured as one of 19 stops on the Boyle County Passport program promoted by Destination Danville. Visitors participating in the program could collect a stamp at the festival as they worked toward visiting locations across the county.

The passport program encourages residents and visitors to explore locations such as Forkland, Penn’s Store in Gravel Switch, and sites in Perryville. Participants who collect 15 stamps are eligible for a limited-edition Boyle County Passport coffee mug.

The festival ran from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday. Admission was \$4 for adults and \$1 for children younger than 13, while preschool-age children were admitted free. The supper and theatrical performance required separate tickets.

Now in its 55th year, the Forkland Heritage Festival continued a tradition that has showcased the community’s history, music, and rural culture for more than five decades.

DATA

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members reviewed guidance received following conversations with Boyle County officials about how data centers should be addressed in local zoning regulations.

Planning and Zoning members said the county is seeking an amendment that would establish definitions and regulations specifically addressing data center developments. Based on those conversations, county officials appeared interested in restrictive regulations designed to protect residents and were not interested in allowing large-scale, or “hyperscale,” data centers

without significant limitations.

Developing the regulations will first require establishing clear definitions for different types and sizes of data centers, which are not currently defined in the local zoning ordinance.

Members agreed to move forward with a working group rather than creating a formally appointed committee. The smaller group would be responsible for developing ideas and drafting potential regulations before bringing recommendations to the full Planning and Zoning Commission for discussion and the required public process.

The group is expected to include Planning and

Zoning representatives from both the city and county, with additional volunteers potentially participating. Members discussed keeping participation below a quorum of the full commission.

Commissioners also discussed having the working group periodically present portions of its work during regular Planning and Zoning meetings. That would allow the full commission to provide feedback as the proposal develops while maintaining continuity among those doing the initial drafting.

The goal is to produce proposed regulations that can eventually be considered by the full commission and Boyle County officials.

Members acknowledged that several revisions could be necessary before a final proposal is ready. The possibility of hiring an outside consultant was also discussed, particularly if specialized assistance is needed to develop technical definitions or other portions of the ordinance.

Planning and Zoning has a budget line for consulting services, but members indicated they would first attempt to develop a draft internally before determining whether outside assistance is necessary.

Initial working group meetings are expected to begin in November. Officials discussed preparing an early draft in the coming months to

provide time for review and revisions before the proposal moves through the formal public hearing process.

The commission also addressed leadership within the Planning and Zoning office during the special meeting.

Following a closed-session discussion of possible candidates, members unanimously agreed to offer Duane Campbell the interim director position. Under the approved motion, Campbell would work 20 hours per week and receive half of the director’s salary until a permanent director is hired.

DEATH NOTICES

Larry Joe Brent, 65, died on Oct. 6, 2026.

Donald “Donnie” B Coffman, 77, died on Oct. 7, 2026.

Esta Mae Oaks, 86, died on Oct. 7, 2026.



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