



The Corporation of the County of Essex

By-Law Number 2025-12

A By-law to Authorize the use of Golf Cars on the portion of County Road 39 that is within the urban area of Lighthouse Cove, in the Municipality of Lakeshore.

Whereas Ontario Regulation 407/21, Pilot Project – Golf Cars, to the *Highway Traffic Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, authorizes the use of a golf car on a highway in certain limited locations, and which limited locations includes the urban area of Lighthouse Cove, as identified in the Municipality of Lakeshore's Official Plan;

And whereas the authorization permitted to use a golf car in Ontario Regulation 407/21, Pilot Project – Golf Cars is only effective if the local municipality adopts a By-law permitting golf cars to be driven on a highway within its jurisdiction;

And whereas the Municipality of Lakeshore, by way of By-law 12-2025 of the Municipality of Lakeshore, has granted permission for golf cars to be driven on highways within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Lakeshore, but only within the urban area of Lighthouse Cove;

And whereas there is a section of County Road 39 that is located in the urban area of Lighthouse Cove;

And whereas the Municipality of Lakeshore requires that the County of Essex adopt a By-law permitting the use of golf cars on County Road 39 within the urban area of Lighthouse Cove, in order for By-law 12-2025 of the Municipality of Lakeshore to be effective;

And whereas Council for the Corporation of the County of Essex deems it expedient to permit the use of golf cars on County Road 39 within the urban area of Lighthouse Cove, as identified in the Official Plan of the Municipality of Lakeshore, but only if the use of golf cars is in compliance with the requirements of Ontario Regulation 407/21, Pilot Project Golf Cars, and By-law 12-2025 of the Municipality of Lakeshore; and,

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the County of Essex hereby enacts as follows:

- 1) **That** the operation of Golf Cars be and are hereby permitted on County Road 39 within the urban area of Lighthouse Cove, as identified in the Official Plan of the Municipality of Lakeshore, from the period of April 1 to November 30 of each year, up to and including November 30, 2031.
- 2) **That** the term "Golf Car" as used in this By-law 2025-12 shall mean a motor vehicle that is intended for use primarily on golf courses or on roadways where access and use of other motor vehicles is controlled and that has the following required features:
 - a) a steering wheel;
 - b) seating for 2 to 6 individuals;
 - c) service brakes;
 - d) parking or emergency brakes;
 - e) four tires that,
 - meet the requirements of Regulation 625/Tire Standards and Specifications (except for Sections 6 and 7 of the said Regulation 625), and
 - are in contact with the highway;
 - f) a rearview mirror;
 - g) a horn;
 - h) daytime running lights;
 - i) turn signal lights;
 - j) brake lights;
 - k) reflectors;
 - l) incapable of a rate of speed greater than 32 km/h or speed modified to prevent the Golf Car from attaining a speed greater than 32 km/h; and
 - m) meets any other requirements that may be imposed from time to time by Ontario Regulation 407/21, Pilot Project – Golf Cars, and By-law 12-2025 of the Municipality of Lakeshore.

- 3) **That** the permission to use Golf Cars in accordance with paragraph 1) above is subject to the use of any Golf Car complying with (1) Ontario Regulation 407/21, Pilot Project – Golf Cars, which Ontario Regulation 407/21 is appended as **Schedule "A"** to this By-law 2025-12 and (2) By-law 12-2025 of the Municipality of Lakeshore, which By-law is appended as **Schedule "B"** to this By-law 2025-12.
- 4) **That** the permission to use Golf Cars in accordance with paragraph 1) above is further subject to:
 - a) Golf Cars only being operated by an individual who holds a valid Class A, B, C, D, E, F, or G licence;
 - b) Golf Cars **not** being operated by an individual who is impaired by the use of alcohol and/or drugs; and
 - c) Golf Cars not being used to transport any passenger under 8 years of age.
- 5) **That** this By-law 2025-12 shall not permit the use of Golf Cars in accordance with paragraph 1) above after November 30, 2031, and this By-law 2025-12 shall cease to be in force after November 30, 2031, and that this By-law 2025-12 being automatically repealed as of December 1, 2031.
- 6) **That** this By-law 2025-12 does not permit the use of Golf Cars on any County Road, except as provided in paragraph 1) above.
- 7) **That** this By-law 2025-12 does not apply to the use of Golf Cars on private lands.
- 8) By-law 2025-12 be given three readings, and shall come into force and take effect after the final passing.
- 9) **That** this By-law 2025-12 shall take precedence over any other By-law deemed to be inconsistent with this By-law 2025-12.

**Read a first, second and third time and Finally Passed this
Nineteenth day of March, 2025.**

Hilda MacDonald, Warden

Katherine J. Hebert, Clerk

Clerk's Certificate

I, Katherine J. Hebert, Clerk of the Corporation of the County of Essex, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy, of **By-law Number 2025-12** passed by the Council of the said Corporation on this **Nineteenth day of March, 2025.**

Katherine J. Hebert, Clerk
Corporation of the County of Essex