

ORDINANCE NO. 1025

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW SECTION IN TITLE 6, CHAPTER 1B, FOR THE REGULATION OF THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN PLAYING GOLF AT RIVERSIDE GOLF COURSE ON A SINGLE HOLE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, according to the figures from the USGA published in 2021, the average male golfer has a Handicap Index of approximately 13.9 and women are approximately 27.9;

WHEREAS, the nature of golf adopts inherent risks, which each golfer assumes when choosing to venture onto a golf course;

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is appropriate to establish reasonable precautions, in an attempt to moderate the inherent risks which each golfer assumes;

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that regulating the pace of play and the number of golfers on each hole will assist in moderating the inherent risks associated with playing golf;

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is appropriate to establish a new Section in Title 6, Chapter 1B of the Clinton City Code;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma:

Section 9 shall be added to the Clinton City Code to read as follows:

6-1B-9: REGULATION OF THE NUMBER OF GOLFERS PER HOLE

- A. Except as allowed for in Section (B) of this Section, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to participate in or authorize the play of golf with more than five (5) individual golfers on each Hole, within the corporate limits of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma and specifically at Riverside Golf Course. The maximum number of golfers, on a Golf Course, at one time shall be ninety (90) golfers.
- B. Exceptions:
1. In instances where the entire golf course has been reserved for Tournament play and proper precautions are implemented, by the reserving party, including but not limited to notification to all participating individuals of: (1) the Tournament Format utilized and (2) the number of Golfers on the course; the limit of Golfers per Hole may be increased to eight (8) golfers per hole.
- C. Definitions:
1. Golfer: an individual who has engaged in the play of golf and assumed the risks associated with entering the golf course for that purpose
 2. Golf Course: an area of land laid out for the play of golf with a series of 9 or 18 holes each including tee, fairway, and putting green and often with one or more natural or artificial hazards

3. Hole: a portion of a Golf Course each consisting of a tee box, a fairway, the rough/other hazards, and a green with a cylindrical hole in the ground, known as a "cup".
4. Tournament Format: The rules, procedure, structure and scoring of the event including but not limited to: stroke play, match play, best ball, scramble, alternate shot, etc.

D. Penalty: Violations of this Section are punishable as provided in section 1-4-1 of this code.

SEVERABILITY: If any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this Ordinance section is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this section.

WHEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its passage and proof of publication.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2023.

David Berrong, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy E. Jones, City Clerk