

CHAPTER 77: GOLF CARTS

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§ 77.01 DEFINITIONS.

Except as otherwise defined in the City Code, the words and terms defined in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 169 shall be applicable to this Ordinance.

§ 77.02 OPERATION OF A MOTORIZED GOLF CART.

(A) *Municipal Rights-of-Way.* A motorized golf cart may only be operated on the roadways or shoulders of roadways under the jurisdiction of the City of Lake City.

(B) *County Roadways.* A motorized golf cart may be operated on the roadways under the joint-jurisdiction of the City of Lake City and Wabasha and Goodhue Counties only for connectivity purposes to access the nearest municipal street. The roadways which can be used for connective purposes are listed below.

1. Wabasha County and State Aide Highway (CSAH) 5 under the joint jurisdiction of the City of Lake City and Wabasha County.
2. Goodhue County and State Aide Highway (CSAH) 5 under the joint jurisdiction of the City of Lake City and Goodhue County.

(C) *State Roadways.* A motorized golf cart may not be operated on the roadways specified below, except for crossing purposes.

1. Minnesota Trunk Highway (TH) 61 shall be considered a state roadway under joint jurisdiction of the City of Lake City and the State of Minnesota.
2. Minnesota Trunk Highway (TH) 63 shall be considered a state roadway under joint jurisdiction of the City of Lake City and the State of Minnesota.

§ 77.03 PERMITS.

No motorized golf cart shall be driven, operated or controlled on the roadways or shoulders of roadways under the jurisdiction of the City of Lake City, or with the joint jurisdiction of Goodhue or Wabasha Counties, unless the driver or operator has in his or her actual physical possession a valid, current and un-revoked permit of the City of Lake City for such driving or operation of a motorized golf cart.

§ 77.04 PERMIT ISSUANCE.

(A) Permits shall be issued by the City Clerk, or authorized designee, upon compliance with this section.

(B) *Individual Permit.* A permit may be issued to a person currently holding a license to operate a motor vehicle as defined by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 169. No person whose license is revoked, suspended, canceled or withdrawn may be issued an individual permit. Any restrictions on the use of the motor vehicle driver's license shall apply to the permit provided for under this ordinance.

(C) *Application.* An individual permit shall include the following:

- (1) Full name and address of the applicant;
- (2) The state of issuance of the applicant's current driver's license;
- (3) The number of such driver's license;
- (4) Representation that such driver's license is not suspended, revoked, or canceled;
- (5) The date of application and applicant's signature;
- (6) Proof of Insurance and the name of applicant's insurance company as provided for in MS 65B.48 Subd. 5;
- (7) The number of the applicant's insurance policy; and the date of expiration of insurance coverage for such vehicle;
- (8) Any driving restrictions on current driver's license are required to be listed on the permit provided for under this ordinance.

§ 77.05 PERMIT EXPIRATIONS AND RENEWALS.

(A) Permits shall be effective on January 1. (Amended, Ord. 550)

(B) Permits shall expire on December 31 of the year of their issuance. (Amended, Ord. 550)

(C) Permits will need to be renewed on an annual basis, with verification of the accuracy of the information provided in the initial application. (Amended, Ord. 550)

(D) Permits will be issued in the form of a placard or a sticker. The placard or sticker must be displayed in a visible location on the golf cart at all times during its operation on City streets. (Added, Ord. 550)

§ 77.06 PERMIT REVOCATION.

An individual permit may be revoked by the City Clerk, or designee, if there is any misrepresentation made in the permit, or loss of liability insurance. The Chief of Police shall issue a notice of revocation of a permit in writing and either hand deliver the notice to the permit holder or send the notice by certified mail to the address on the application. The revocation shall be in effect immediately after personal service or three days after the mailing.

§ 77.07 FEES.

An individual shall pay a fee as determined by the fee resolution at the time an application is submitted.

§ 77.08 UNLAWFUL ACTS.

No motorized golf cart shall be driven, operated or controlled on the roadways or shoulders of roadways under the jurisdiction of the City of Lake City, or with the joint jurisdiction of the City of Lake City and Wabasha or Goodhue Counties as follows:

- (1) Between sunset and sunrise;
- (2) In inclement weather, when visibility is reduced or impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions or at any time when there is insufficient light clearly to see a person or vehicle on a roadway at a distance of 500 feet;
- (3) Without prominent display of a slow-moving vehicle emblem provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.522, on the rear of such vehicle;
- (4) Without a mirror so located as to reflect to the driver, operator or controller, a view of the roadway for a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear of such vehicle;
- (5) Without liability insurance coverage for the vehicle, as stated in MS 65B.48 Subd. 5;
- (6) Contrary to any traffic law of the City of Lake City or the State of Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.045, Subd. 7; or contrary to any provisions of the City Code;
- (7) Without a current valid driver's license

§ 77.09 PENALTY.

Any person violating any provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine as determined by the Lake City Police Department.